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DATES TO REMEMBER

2007		
Apr	15	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 Hours
May	6	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 Hours
	26	Flagging of Graves 6 AM.
	27	Memorial Day Services 2PM
June	10	LINCMO Meeting 11:30 Hours
Sept	9	Nomination & Election of Officers for 2007 - 2008
Oct	14	Installation of Officers
Nov	4	Veterans Day Services 2 PM

V.A Gravesite Locator (Cont)

The American Battle Monuments Commission provides information on service members buried in overseas cemeteries. If you cannot locate the person you are searching for, provide the following information on each individual:

- Full name, including any alternate spellings and military service branch
- Date and place of birth and death
- State from which the individual entered active duty

Most requests take approximately four weeks for a reply. Be sure to include your return mailing address, phone number or Internet e-mail address with your request and send it to: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration (41C1), Burial Location Request, 810 Vermont Ave., NW Washington, DC 20420.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tony Arico

I have had a reoccurrence of my cancer and it has now spread to my brain. Due to the lack of the proper equipment at Northport , I am at the Brooklyn Veterans Hospital getting radiation over the next few weeks.

I may be reached at 718 - 439- 2423. If any one wishes to call. I know that you offer prayers and good wishes for me and I hope to be back with you all by Memorial Day.

I look forward each month to the LINCMO meetings. It has been great working with some of the most dedicated men and women and staff in the veterans community.

We have accomplished so much for the cemetery in the last few years and the credit goes to all of you who really get behind an idea and follow it through to completion.

We still have several projects on the drawing board but I know that you all will see them through.

I'd like to see a nice turnout for Memorial Day. If we don't care ! Who

VET GRAVESITE LOCATOR:

At http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1 you can search for burial locations of veterans and their family members in VA National Cemeteries, state veterans cemeteries, various other military/Department of Interior cemeteries, and private cemeteries when the grave is marked with a government grave marker. The Nationwide Gravesite Locator includes burial records from many sources. These sources provide varied data; some searches may contain less information than others. Information on veterans buried in private cemeteries was collected for the purpose of furnishing government grave markers, and VA does not have information available for burials prior to 1997. Erroneous information can be corrected, but there is no way to add to the information contained in the existing record. If your search returns incorrect information about a veteran or family member buried in a national cemetery, contact the cemetery directly to discuss your findings. To report incorrect information about a veteran buried in a private cemetery, click go to <https://iris.va.gov>. Names cannot be added to the listing if a government grave marker was not furnished for the grave, or if the existing government grave marker was furnished prior to 1997. For more complete information concerning individual records contact the cemetery or local officials.

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Less Popular, Yet Tended With Care

Small National Cemeteries Have Their Own Faithful
By Stephanie McCrummen, Washington Post Staff
Writer, Monday, May 30, 2005; A01

Kelvin Bennett wakes up about 4 a.m. most mornings and drives nearly two hours from Baltimore to the wrought-iron gates of Quantico National Cemetery in Virginia.

He is a caretaker, and a veteran, though the duties he associates with the titles sometimes blur. He can happily spend an entire day weeding around the headstones, or washing them from gray back to white so such words as “eternally loved” or “Nam” remain clear. He makes sure the garbage cans don’t smell, and sometimes, if it’s windy out, he chases bouquets blown from graves across the rounded green landscape, which was mostly empty of the living Friday, as Memorial Day weekend began.

“Nobody knows Quantico,” said Bennett, 48, cutting the engine of his lawnmower, near Section 5. “But I love it. . . . The way the hills roll up there? It’s kind of serene.”

While thousands will fan across the lawns of Arlington, the day will be quieter at many of the 136 other national cemeteries across the country, smaller but no less affecting places populated by veterans of war and peacetime, their wives and sometimes their children.

In the Washington area, there is the historic Battleground National Cemetery on Georgia Avenue NW, the smallest one at just an acre, where 40 Union soldiers are buried. Annapolis and Alexandria have two of the original 14 national cemeteries established during the Civil War.

The U.S. Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Home on Harewood Road NW is an active cemetery, as is Quantico, which was dedicated in 1983 and has three to five burials a day. “A lot of people, they’re just not aware we’re here,” said George Allen, Quantico’s new director, explaining that people often assume that the name refers only to the Marine Corps base.

On many days, the cemetery’s 23 employees far outnumber visitors.

Indeed, on Friday afternoon, Lester Tuell was the lone visitor in the small administration building near the entrance. The air conditioner hummed, and he bent over a big book, his finger tracing the page in search of his brother and several other relatives.

“I come two or three times a year,” said Tuell, a World War II veteran who lives up the road in Dumfries. “It’s laid out pretty nice.”

Walter Bieder, 84, was ready at the information desk, in case anyone else came by. A cemetery volunteer and World War II veteran, he was among the first wave of soldiers to land at Omaha Beach in Normandy but decided a while ago that he wanted to be buried at Quantico instead of Arlington, even if it’s not as famous.

“To me, Arlington’s too commercial,” said Bieder, whose wife is buried at Quantico. “I may be all wet, but here it’s nice and quiet. . . . To me, this is more peaceful.”

The cemetery is 725 acres in all, with tailored green hills and curves bordered by swaths of full-grown trees. There were perhaps three visitors out among the ordered white headstones Friday — two women watering flowers here, a man with a crew cut kneeling there — and the dozen or so caretakers, mowing and trimming and getting the grounds ready for today’s ceremony.

Most of the caretakers are veterans and consider the people buried there family. Larry Brown, a Vietnam veteran who rides to work with Bennett from Baltimore, said that to him, tomorrow and Wednesday will be very much like today, minus the crowds. “I look at the headstones all the time,” he said, stopping a minute by the one for Pfc. Douglas Eugene Pleasant, who served in Vietnam and died June 29. “I look at the names and ages. You just kind of think of them.”

Up the hill, David Arrant, also a Vietnam veteran, said he has friends in Sections 5, 17, 9 and 23, “and one right up here in section 20,” he said, pointing. “I take special care of them.” Bennett, who has been working at Quantico four years, said sometimes family members will come up and say thank you, which is nice, since he takes a lot of pride in his work. He said he has gotten to know the regulars, people who visit every day,

such as the widow who lost her husband, a veteran, on Sept. 11, 2001. “She drives here every day,” he said. “She’ll read a novel a while, and then she’ll leave. . . . You get a kind of relationship with people because you see them every day.”

There are large funerals sometimes, but the caretakers usually watch from a distance. Afterward, they are responsible for carrying the coffin to its designated plot and lowering it into the ground. By then, family and guests have gone, and as it is most of the time, it’s just the caretakers in their green uniforms, alone with the men and women that Memorial Day was established to honor. It might not be a ceremony worthy of Arlington, but Arrant will offer a final salute, even if no one is there to see, and Bennett will say a few words, even if no one is there to hear.

“I’ll say, ‘Bless them, and bless their family,’ “ he said, “ ‘and God let them rest in peace.’ “

Medal of Honor Receipts

CIVIL WAR / NYC - Of the 392 Medals of Honor accredited to the State of New York for Civil War Heroism, 197 were awarded to soldiers from New York City.

CIVIL WAR / NY STATE - 185 Soldiers from other cities in NY received Medals of Honor during the Civil War.

INDIAN CAMPAIGNS - 76 soldiers received Medals of Honor for actions during the Indian Campaigns of the West.

EARLY WARS - From Korea (1871) to the Caribbean through 11 different actions for which Medals of Honor were awarded, NY veterans received 7 of them.

PEACE TIME AWARDS - From 1865 to 1940, 189 Medals were awarded for heroic, non-combat action. NY heroes received a full 1/3 of them.

ADDITIONAL RECEIPIENTS - There are 82 additional recipients of the Medal listed here by conflict:

WW-I	16	Korea	3
WW-II	32	Vietnam	30
		Iraq	1

To view their Bio’s you can go on the Web and Type in “[New York Medal of Honor Receipts](#)” in the search bar.

UNITED NATIONS MEMORIAL WALL:

The United Nations Memorial Wall can be found in the UN Memorial Cemetery, Daeyon-4dong, Nam-gu, Busan Metropolitan City, Korea. It is a little known memorial and work of art measuring two meters high by approximately 150 meters in length (one and one-half football fields) that contains the names of 40,895 allied servicemen who lost their lives on United Nations service during the Korean War. It is so little known that a search of the U.S. internet to gather data to assist in writing this article revealed no information on it. In length it is larger in size than the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC which contains the names of 58,253 personnel who fell in service during the Vietnam War. The Memorial Wall was dedicated with virtually no fanfare or publicity on 24 OCT 06, marking the 61st anniversary of the 1945 founding of the United Nations.

The UN Memorial Cemetery Commission overseas the cemetery and is comprised of the Ambassadors (or their representatives) of the countries of the interred servicemen. The cemetery occupies 14.7 hectare of land donated by the Korean government. It became a burial ground in APR 51 following relocation of the graves by the UN Forces Command in Korea, which began in January of the same year, from six temporary graveyards scattered around the nation. These were mainly in the areas of Kaeseong, Incheon, Daejeon, Daegu, Milyang, and Masan.

Although there had been about 11,000 of the UN’s fallen braves interred at the cemetery in the years from 1951 to 1954, there now rest only 2,300 since Belgium, Colombia, Ethiopia, Greece, Philippines, and Thailand brought their fallen warriors back home. The US also took back most of theirs and France and Norway transferred some of theirs back home.

Currently interred are:

281 Australians, 378 Canadians, 44 French, 117 Dutch, 34 New Zealanders, 1 Norwegian, 36 Koreans, 11 South Africans, 462 Turkish, 885 British, 36 Americans, 4 unknown, and 11 non-combatants.

[Source: Korea Vet News (Canada) 11 Feb 07 ++]

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We will always remember !