

Field Trip to Bay Pines National Cemetery

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Meet at the Memorial Monument: Cemetery Etiquette

- Remember, cemeteries are sacred spaces. We honor, remember, and memorialize men and women who served our nation through military service. Be respectful at all times.
 - Please walk on the walkways and the grass areas around the graves. It is okay to walk on the grass between the headstones.
 - Use quiet voices as you learn during the tour.
 - Do not sit, stand, or climb on the monuments or headstones.
 - You may touch headstones and monuments, but do so in a respectful manner. You may even sit by a headstone.
- Each grave represents a person(s) who helped to build the community and nation in which you live.

Purpose

Our purpose today is:

- To memorialize and honor the lives of individuals buried in this cemetery.
- To learn about US history through Veterans History.
- To learn about how Veterans, during and after their service, helped to build their communities.



What is a National Cemetery?

- In the US, Veterans and their families are eligible for burial in National Cemeteries. The US has made the decision create these cemeteries as places to honor and memorialize their sacrifices.
- There are currently 155 National Cemeteries.
 - Almost 5.3 million individuals received the recognition and honor of being buried in a National Cemetery.



Who can be buried in a National Cemetery?

- Requirements to be buried in a National Cemetery (according to the VA)
 - Veteran who did not receive a dishonorable discharge
 - Service member who died during active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty for training
 - Spouse or surviving spouse of a Veteran
 - Minor child of a Veteran, or, in select cases, unmarried adult dependent of a Veteran
 - For more information visit the [NCA website](#).



History of Bay Pines National Cemetery

- 1933: Cemetery officially opened for burials of those who died in the Bay Pines Veterans hospital
- 1984: Cemetery moved to the National Cemetery System
- 2012: BPNC placed on the National Register of Historic Places



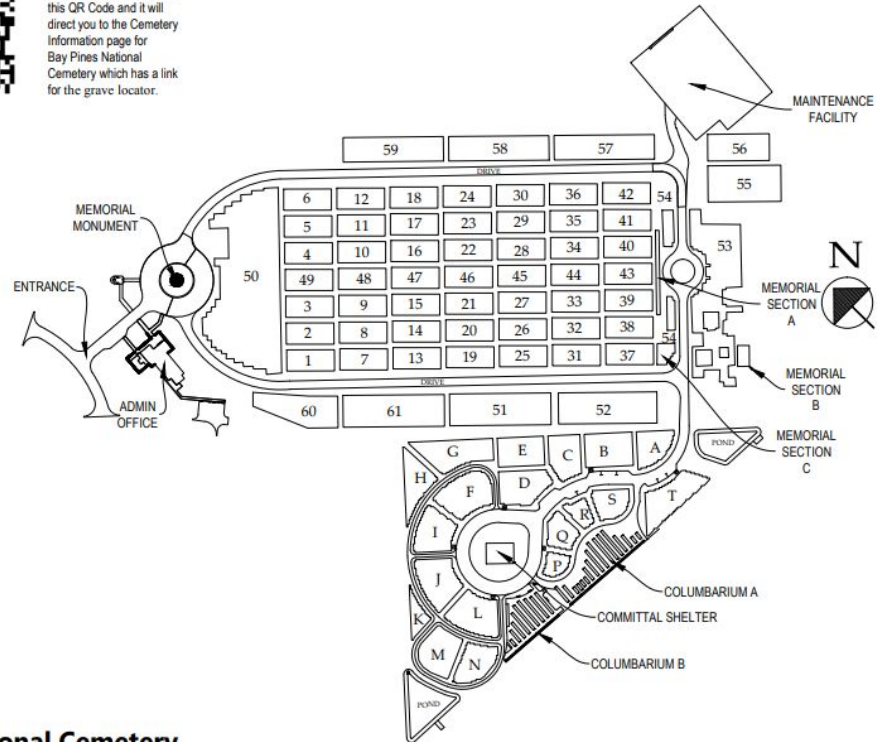
How to Navigate BPNC

Use the Section, Row, and Site numbers to find a Veteran.

[Map courtesy of the NCA.](#)



If your phone or other device has a bar code application, you can scan this QR Code and it will direct you to the Cemetery Information page for Bay Pines National Cemetery which has a link for the grave locator.



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How to read a Government Issued Headstone

It Includes:

- Emblem of Belief ([Full list of the NCA website](#))
- Name
- State
- Rank
- Unit or Service
- Date of Birth-Date of Death
- Personal Inscription



The Armed Forces

Who Served:

- Men and Women
- Black and white
- Immigrants, Native Born and Native Americans
- Family members, Husbands, Wives, Sons, Daughters, Brother, Sisters,

How they Served:

- Army
- Navy
- Army Air Force
- Marines
- Coast Guard
- Merchant Marine



Wrap-Up & Reflection

Field Trip to St. Augustine National Cemetery (SANC)

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Meet at the Memorial Monument -- Reflect & Discuss

1. Why do you think National Cemeteries are important?
2. Which Veteran's story affected you the most and why?
3. What is one word you would use to describe the Veterans you learned about today? Why?
4. Name one thing you learned about US history from hearing about Veterans' experiences.



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Leave a Penny

Choose one person and leave a penny on their headstone. Set it carefully on top and say their name out loud as a way to remember them. This is part of an old tradition in which coins are used as markers to show who visited those buried in the cemetery.



Penny = You visited the Veteran



Dime = You served with the Veteran



Nickel = You trained with the Veteran in Boot Camp



Quarter = You were there when the Veteran died