

Mini-Themed Tour Introduction

Going on a Tour of St. Augustine National Cemetery
from your Classroom

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Purpose

Our purpose today is

- To memorialize and honor the lives of individuals buried in St. Augustine National Cemetery (SANC)
- To learn about US history through Veterans History
- To learn about how Veterans, during and after their service, helped to build the 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](#).



St. Augustine National Cemetery

- Designated as a National Cemetery in 1881; the earliest known burials date to 1828.
- Site is within the original walled city of St. Augustine (1710s).
- Part of the military complex established at nearby St. Francis Barracks during Florida British Period (1763-1783).
- US Army occupied 1821-1900. Florida National Guard headquarters nearby since 1907.

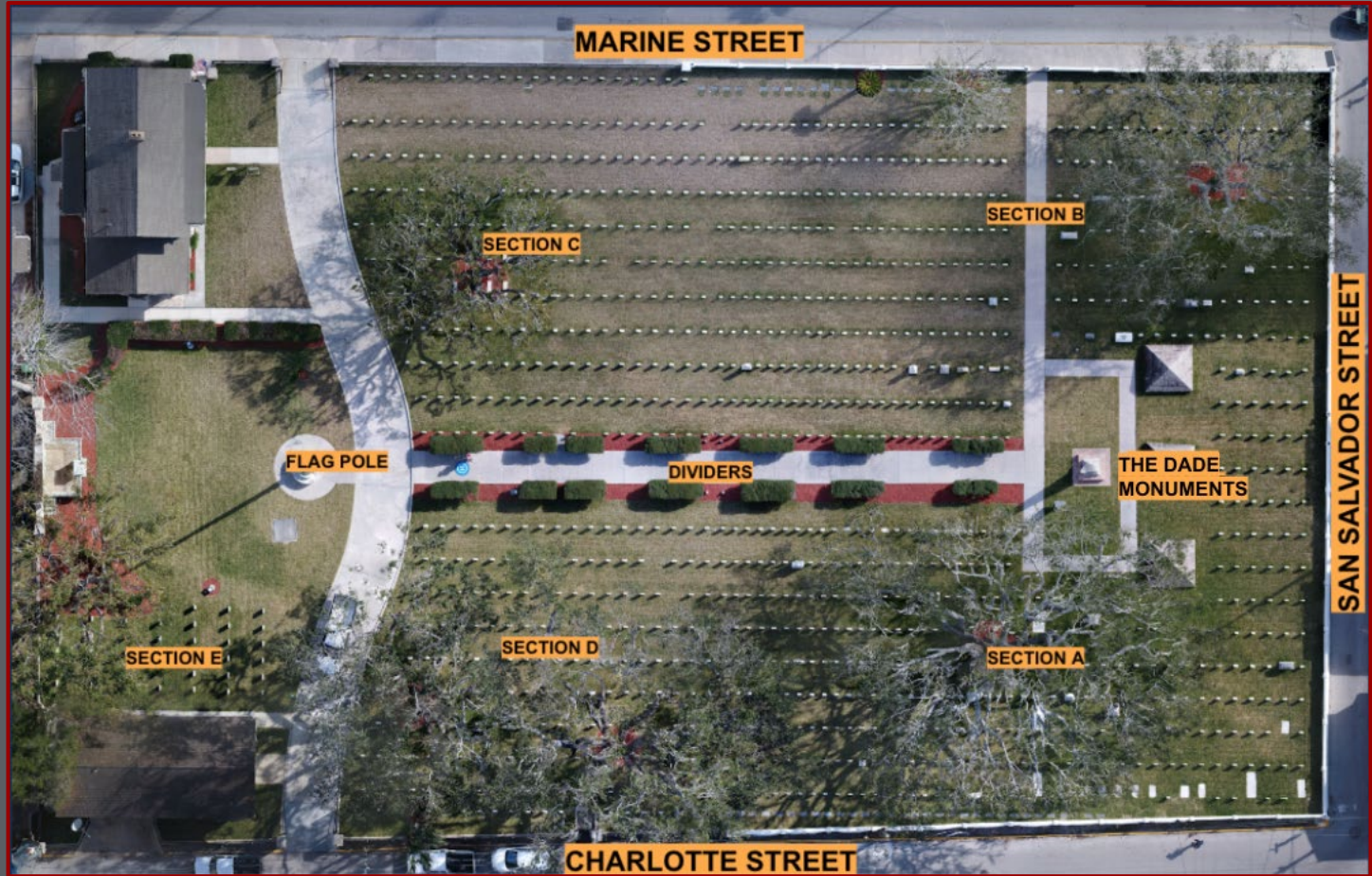


St. Augustine National Cemetery

- Dade Pyramids (1842) believed to be oldest memorial in any national cemetery. Approx. 145 Soldiers interred within.
- Burials represent War 1812 to Global War on Terrorism.
- Officially closed to new burials 1997. Cremated remains and families with prearranged burials continue to be interred in cemetery. Most recent burial 2019.
- Total number interments estimated at 1,379 plus pyramids. 1,230 headstones of which 20 are memorial stones



Aerial Map of SANC



Wrap-Up & Reflection

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