



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
OPERATION OF STATE VETERANS' CEMETERIES
POLICY DIRECTIVE 20

Policy: This policy directive applies to the operation of all Kentucky state veterans' cemeteries.

Authority: KRS 40.315 (2):

"The Kentucky state veterans' cemeteries shall be under the administrative authority and control of the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs may promulgate administrative regulations necessary to operate the cemeteries in compliance with applicable state and federal statutes and regulations."

Eligibility for Burial: Any Kentucky veteran whose military service is not dishonorable, requiring a discharge characterization of either Honorable or General under honorable conditions. Eligible veterans and their eligible dependents shall have the right for burial or the interment of cremains at Kentucky's state veterans' cemeteries.

Exceptions to the requirement of an Honorable or General Discharge: In rare instances, veterans who receive an Under Other Than Honorable Conditions service characterization may be buried in state veterans' cemeteries if it is determined that their service discharge was as a result of misconduct caused by Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) during service in combat. The Commissioner shall make the final decision in all such cases.

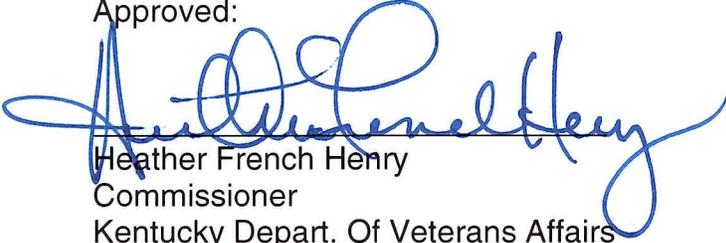
Hours of Operation: The Director of each state veterans' cemetery shall arrange for burial services for eligible veterans and their dependents.

- 1) Burial services shall take place on any weekday, Monday through Friday, as arranged between the Director, the funeral home, the veteran, or the family of the veteran.
- 2) Normal business hours of operation for the cemetery staff shall be weekdays, Monday through Friday, from 8 am to 4 pm. Each cemetery shall remain open to the public at all times unless required by law or emergency to close.
- 3) No burial services shall take place on either Saturday or Sunday. These days shall be set aside for the public to visit and enjoy the peace and dignity of their loved one's final resting place. Interments for active duty servicemembers and for those killed in action

shall be done in accord with the member's Casualty Assistance Officer or Representative.

Effective Date: August 1, 2015

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Heather French Henry", is written over the printed name and title.

Heather French Henry
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