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RE: Committal Services & Service Times

Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery provides the opportunity for eligible veterans and dependents to conduct a Final Committal service on cemetery grounds. Committal services are generally limited to 20 minutes, which includes time for rendering military honors. For safety reasons services are held in a committal shelter located away from the gravesite. Upon completion of services families are dismissed. As family & guests depart, cemetery & funeral personnel promptly complete the interment. Family & friends are welcome to visit the gravesite once the burial is complete, and personnel and equipment have left the gravesite. Generally this is 30 minutes after a cremation burial and 2 hours after a casket burial.

All individuals arriving for scheduled committal services are met at the Guard Shack by cemetery personnel, and lined up in their private vehicles for a processional. At this time burial documents are presented to the next of kin, and a signature is required on VA document 40-1330; which authorizes the cemetery to order a headstone. Once complete (5-10 minutes), cemetery personnel will lead a final procession to the committal shelter.

Scheduling burial arraignments cannot be confirmed until cemetery personnel have received the appropriate paperwork. It is advisable to have all required documents in hand when requesting to schedule a burial. Failure to provide all required documentation can delay burial services. Burials are performed Mon-Fri (excluding holidays) and are available on the hour (**9am, 10am, 11am, 1pm 2pm 3pm 4pm**).

Winter burial operations will continue each year until weather and ground conditions warrant holding for spring. This decision will be made by the director, and could vary from year to year depending on weather. A temporary holding vault is available free of charge on cemetery grounds. More detailed information can be found at sampsonveteranscemetery.com.

Please feel free to contact me @ 607-379-0197 with any questions.

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