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Veterans Final Resting Place  
RNCIC

# Fayetteville National Cemetery And Our Veterans **NEED YOUR HELP!**

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Membership dues are annual except for Lifetime and Organization. Your support is appreciated.

### Donation Information

I would like to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to RNCIC and mail to RNCIC, P. O. Box 4221, Fayetteville, AR 72702.

**The Regional National Cemetery Improvement Corporation (RNCIC) was incorporated 1984 to aid in the expansion and improvement of the Fayetteville National Cemetery.**

The incorporators were Col. Larry L. Browne, Jr., Ken Gibson and John Wm. Murphy. These three were also the RNCIC's first Board of Directors. It is a legally constituted, not-for-profit corporation (501 c 3) whose officers and directors are volunteers working without compensation. Membership in the RNCIC is open to all interested parties.

We have kept the Cemetery open for burials and increased its size by over 200% since our founding. Without past donations for the purchase of land, the cemetery would be closed to burials today.

Our mission is to secure land adjacent to the Fayetteville National Cemetery to ensure the cemetery can continue to receive veterans for burial. Veterans living in Northwest Arkansas, as well as many veterans living outside our region, have planned their final resting place here. This desire stems from having been born and raised in Northwest Arkansas, having close family ties here, or having made their homes in the area following their service.

On July 17, 1862, Congress enacted legislation that authorized President Abraham Lincoln to purchase "cemetery grounds" to be used as national cemeteries "for soldiers who shall have died in the service of the country."

The Fayetteville National Cemetery opened in 1867. It has been placed on the National registry of Historic Places and the Civil War Discovery Trail. It has also been declared a National Shrine.

Since September 1, 1973, responsibility for the national cemetery rests with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Today, there are 136 national cemeteries in all. The Department of Veterans Affairs, through its National Cemetery Administration, administers 120 of them. Two national Cemeteries, Arlington and Soldiers Home, are still administered by the Army. Fourteen national cemeteries are maintained by the Department of the Interior.

More than 2.5 million Americans, including veterans of every war and conflict - from the Revolutionary War to the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars - are honored by burial in VA's national cemeteries. More than 14,200 acres of land from Hawaii to Maine, and from Alaska to Puerto Rico are devoted to the memorialization of those who served this nation.

Many of the national cemeteries have been closed to further burials and some are open only for cremations. Expansion to any existing cemetery can only be done by adding adjacent usable land. Any acquisition must be donated to the National Cemetery with an unencumbered title and the land cleared of all structures, utilities, pipes, sewers, etc.

### We Need Your Support

Many people have given generously in the past. Your giving will be deeply appreciated and donations are tax deductible under current law. RNCIC tax identification will be furnished upon request. Please become a member and/or make a donation by clipping and mailing the form at the left.

For more information, visit our website at <http://RNCIC.com>