

Who Is Eligible to be Interred in the USAF Academy Cemetery:

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Subparagraphs 1.1. through 1.13. list those people eligible; however, certain general conditions apply. First, all authorized military personnel must have discharges under honorable conditions (this also applies to graduates). Second, Academy authorities will not normally approve requests to inter individuals not authorized below. However, the 10th Air Base Wing Commander, (10 ABW/CC) can disapprove a request for an exception, but only the Superintendent can approve such an exception.

1.1. USAF Academy cadets.

1.2. Air Force military personnel assigned to the USAF Academy or to tenant units at the Academy at the time of their deaths. This does not include non-Academy personnel who are assigned on Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders to the Academy Patient Squadron Section of the USAF Academy Clinic.

1.3. USAF Academy graduates. Note: Only the Superintendent may disapprove a request to inter a USAFA graduate in the Academy cemetery.

1.4. All active duty and retired USAF generals and lieutenant generals.

1.5. Former Superintendents, Vice Superintendents, Commandants of Cadets, Deans of the Faculty, Directors of Staff (formerly Chiefs of Staff), appointed Directors of Admissions, Directors of Athletics, Permanent Professors, Senior Military Faculty (formerly Continuous Tour Staff Officers and Sequential Tour Faculty Officers), Tenured Faculty Officers, Preparatory School Commanders, Air Base Wing Commanders, and Academy Command Chief Master Sergeants.

1.6. Original cadre Air Force personnel assigned to the USAF Academy between 11 July 1955 and 29 August 1958.

1.7. USAF cross-commissioned officer graduates of West Point or Annapolis who have retired with at least 20 years of uniformed service.

1.8. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors members with prior distinguished military service.

1.9. All Medal of Honor recipients regardless of branch of service.

1.10. All Air Force Cross recipients.

1.11. Former CMSgts performing as Cadet Wing Sergeant Majors who held the position during 1972-1996.

1.12. Female Air Training Officers (ATOs) assigned to the USAF Academy between 1975 and 1977 in support of the arrival of the first female cadets who graduated in the Class of 1980. A list of names is on file in the Mortuary Affairs Office.

1.13. Eligible relatives of a service-connected sponsor listed in paragraphs

1.2. through 1.12. who are interred or eligible to be interred in the Academy cemetery. The Academy cemetery inters eligible relatives who die before their service-connected sponsor only if the sponsor signs an agreement saying he or she wants to be interred in the Academy cemetery.

These eligible relatives are as follows:

1.13.1. A wife or husband.

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1.13.2. A remarried widow or widower.

1.13.3. Dependent unmarried children under the age of 23.

1.13.4. A dependent unmarried adult, defined as one whom at the time of death was over 21 years of age, incapable of self-support due to physical or mental condition, and who meets any of the following conditions:

1.13.4.1. Received more than one-half of his or her support from the service-connected parent.

1.13.4.2. If the service-connected parent is deceased and interred in the Academy cemetery, was receiving more than one-half of his or her support from the widow or widower of the deceased service-connected parent.

1.13.4.3. Was receiving such support from some other source because of the prior death or inability of the parent or parents to provide such support.