



Arlington National Cemetery Visitor Screening

Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) has updated its security measures to ensure the safety and security of all visitors and employees. In addition to random identification checks and other security measures already in place, ANC has implemented 100% ID checks at all entrances and requires all visitors to go through physical screening.

100% ID Checks

All visitors 16 years of age and older (pedestrians, drivers and passengers) must present a valid photo identification upon entering the cemetery. Visitors include all funeral attendees, tourists and personnel on official business. School group leaders and tour guides must also present the required identification. Original documentation is required. Paper copies or cell phone photos are not accepted.

- Visitors 18 years of age and older must present a valid U.S. state or federal government-issued photo identification for entry.
- Visitors 16 and 17 years old who do not have a U.S. state or federal government-issued photo identification may present an official school-issued photo identification for entry.
- Persons who are not U.S. citizens must present a valid passport or U.S. State Department-issued photo identification for entry.

We ask for your patience, as this will create longer than usual delays. Cemetery officials are reminding all visitors to add a few extra minutes to their travel times.

Physical Screening

All pedestrian traffic will be required to enter Arlington National Cemetery at one of the four access points:

- The cemetery's main entrance on Memorial Avenue
- Ord & Weitzel gate
- Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Old Post Chapel gate
- Service Complex gate off Columbia Pike

The pedestrian access point from Memorial Avenue will be through the Welcome Center. There will be up to four (4) lines for visitors who do not have bags. Those with disabilities will have a separate access point in compliance with all disability laws.



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Please allow additional time to go through security screening when visiting the cemetery, especially large tour groups. Visitors are advised to bring minimal to no bags to expedite the screening process. ANC strives to keep wait times to under 20 minutes.

Prior to the screening process, visitors should inform the screener if they have an internal or external medical device (i.e. pacemaker, artificial knee, stimulator, port, ostomy, insulin pump, glucose monitor), medically necessary liquids and/or medications, and/or accessories associated with liquid medications (such as freezer packs, IV bags, pumps and syringes). To help facilitate the screening process, medications should be labeled and separated from other belongings. Visitors may request private screening by pat-down in lieu of screening by technology.

Anyone granted vehicular access to the cemetery—families with permanent family passes, funeral attendees and employees—will be required to present a valid government identification when entering the cemetery and will be subject to random inspections.

Prohibited Items

- Explosives
- Firearms
- Knives (blades more than four inches in length)
- Narcotics
- Fireworks
- Alcohol

Visitors with Disabilities

In preparation for your visit, please find the answers to your questions on our website: <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Visit/Visitors-with-Disabilities>. Our accessibility map (https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Portals/0/Accessibility_Map_Basic.pdf) locates accessible entrances, curb cuts, designated parking and other features at and around Arlington National Cemetery. If you have an accessibility or accommodation concern about Arlington National Cemetery, please call: 877-907-8585

Physical security is everyone's responsibility. We ask you to stay especially vigilant and remember to report any suspicious activity to the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Watch Desk: 703-588-2800 or 703-588-2801. Call 911 for emergency situations.

For more information, visit www.arlingtoncemetery.mil.