

Senior leader messages on the 150th Anniversary of Arlington National Cemetery

Secretary of the Army John McHugh

The history of Arlington National Cemetery is the history of America - the final resting place for the heroes and patriots who built, preserved and protected our great Nation. As we mark its 150th anniversary, we pause to recognize the valor and sacrifice of these great Americans - those who fought our wars and kept the peace - and who gave their service to make and keep the United States of America the greatest, freest nation on all the earth.

Under Secretary of the Army Brad R. Carson

Arlington National Cemetery is an unparalleled national treasure and eternal memorial to the memory of our nation's heroes. All of those buried in this hallowed ground were united by love of country, a belief in freedom and their faith in America's future. As we commemorate the 150th anniversary of Arlington National Cemetery, it is imperative to reflect on the unity of spirit that has guided our nation forward from its beginnings. The quiet grounds of Arlington National Cemetery remind us of our duty to never forget our fellow Americans who have given their last full measure of devotion to our country for the freedoms we cherish.

Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno

From the American Revolution until today, millions of men and women volunteered to serve this great nation to ensure our freedom and liberty. Arlington National Cemetery is an extraordinary tribute to the legacy of service and it honors their selflessness, dedication, courage and commitment. These hallowed grounds ensure future generations of Americans and others from around the world understand the sacrifice and costs of our freedoms. We are forever indebted to the men and women buried in this most honorable place. They represent the very best of mankind - ordinary people who decided to be extraordinary. As we celebrate Arlington National Cemetery's 150th anniversary, it's important to reflect on the sacrifice of the many Americans who have given their lives to defend the greatest nation on earth.

Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. John F. Campbell

The 150th Anniversary of Arlington National Cemetery is a reminder of the sacrifices made by generations of American service men and women who have honorably served our Nation. From its founding during the Civil War to current combat operations in Afghanistan, Arlington has been the final resting place for many fallen heroes. Our Army holds the utmost respect and gratitude for the selfless service of these true patriots and the Gold Star Families who carry on their legacy.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III

Located on the hills overlooking our nation's capitol, Arlington National Cemetery is the final resting place of more than 400,000 active duty service members, veterans and their families -- representing generations of American heroes. As we begin the cemetery's 150th commemoration this week, I encourage every American to remember the sacrifices made by young men and women from across this land, in peacetime and in war, to preserve our nation and our freedoms.