

# Floral Regulations

- *Fresh cut or artificial flowers may be placed on graves, niches and/or markers anytime. When flowers become withered or tattered they will be removed by staff. Vases are available for use at the graves and are located on cemetery grounds or by request. In preparation of Memorial Day and Wreaths Across America, all flowers or arrangements will be removed three (3) to five (5) days prior to Memorial Day and the Wreaths Across America Ceremony. All flowers or arrangements will be removed again fourteen (14) days after Memorial Day for cemetery grounds upkeep.*
- *During the turf growing season (April through October), flowers or arrangements may be removed more frequently but within a reasonable time period, if it interferes with turf growth or appearance on gravesites. Gravesites must be maintained according to National Cemetery Administration standards.*
- *Potted plants will be permitted on graves the Saturday before and seven days after Easter Sunday and Memorial Day only.*
- *Christmas wreaths will be permitted on graves, niches and/or markers from December 1 through January 31. They may not be secured to headstones or markers.*
- *Unauthorized decorations include: anything that attaches to or is placed on the headstone, permanent plantings, statues, shepherd's hooks, pin wheels, pictures, balloons, **vigil lights**, grave blankets, and flag holders; breakable items and similar commemorative items are not permitted on graves, markers, or niche covers.*
- *As all headstones, niche covers and markers are considered government property, they may not be defaced in any way; such as, writing or drawing on the marker or affixing anything to the marker.*
- *Cemetery staff is not responsible for the care or security of any items placed on gravesites. All unauthorized floral tributes and decorative items placed on the graves, niches and markers will be removed by staff.*
- *Graves of veterans will be decorated prior to Memorial Day and Veterans' Day with small United States flags. These flags will be removed the day after Memorial Day and Veterans' Day.*