

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan."

*- Abraham Lincoln
Second Inaugural Address
March 4, 1865*



For More Information:

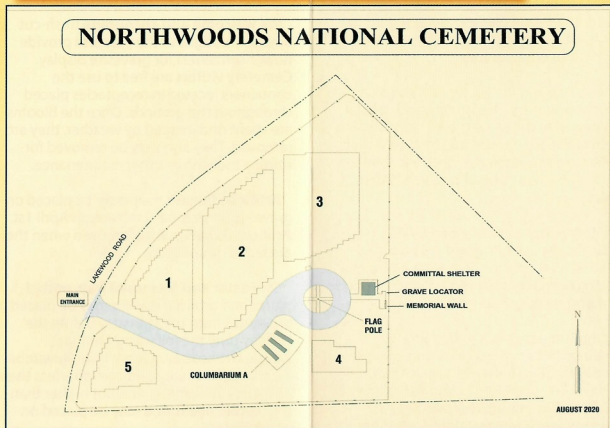
Northwoods National Cemetery
4520 Lakewood Road
Harshaw, WI 54529

Cemetery Administration Office
Phone: (715) 362-1142

Burial Arrangements:
Phone: (800) 535-1117
Fax: (866) 900-6417

NCA website: www.cem.va.gov

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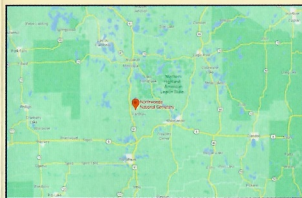


Directions:

Cemetery is located Northwest of the Rhinelander Airport. From the airport, head south toward Airport Rd. turning left to stay on Airport Rd. shortly after.

Turn right onto US-8 W, for 2 miles, then turn right onto N. Rifle Rd. for another 2 miles.

Turn left onto Co. Hwy K/ Co. Rd. K. for 9 miles, then turn right onto Lakewood Rd. The cemetery will be on the right.



Visiting the Cemetery

Hundreds of people will visit Northwoods National Cemetery each year. Many come for a committal service or to visit the gravesite of a loved one, others to attend special observances or to enjoy the peaceful setting. We welcome all visitors to this shrine for our nation's heroes.

The cemetery is open to the public daily during daylight hours for visitation of cemetery grounds. Specific gravesites can be found using the gravesite locator book located just East of the committal shelter. A Nationwide Gravesite Locator for national cemeteries is also available on the Internet at <https://gravelocator.cem.va.gov>.

General cemetery information is available online at <https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/Northwoods.asp>

VA regulations 38 CFR 1.218 prohibit the carrying of firearms (either openly or concealed), explosives or other dangerous or deadly weapons while on VA property, except for official purposes, such as military funeral honors. Possession of firearms on any property under the charge and control of VA is prohibited. Offenders may be subject to a fine, removal from the premises, or arrest.

Visitors attending committal services should gather at the committal shelter located at the end of the roundabout. Roadway parking is available throughout the cemetery and near the committal shelter during services. Special observances and ceremonies are held at the committal shelter.

A Memorial Day ceremony is held annually the last Monday in May. For the times and dates of the ceremony, call the cemetery office at (715) 362-1142.

While we invite visitors to Northwoods National Cemetery, we remind them of the solemn purpose of these grounds and ask that they act in a dignified manner while on the cemetery grounds. For this reason, public gatherings of a partisan nature are not permitted. In addition, sports or recreational activities are not permitted, including:

- Bicycle riding
- Jogging
- Picnicking
- Roller blading
- Walking pets
- Fishing or hunting

NORTHWOODS NATIONAL CEMETERY

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Message from the Northwoods National Cemetery Staff

Welcome to Northwoods National Cemetery. We hope you find peace amid these quiet and beautiful grounds and visit us again.

Families often contact us during a difficult time – after the loss of a loved one.

We're here to make the burial process as comfortable as possible. We encourage Veterans and their families to contact us in advance for information or with any questions or concerns.

When the time comes, we will ensure the committal service and any other requests are handled respectfully. We pledge to honor the dignity and memory of each person and to provide excellent service to family and friends during this difficult time.

Our Mission

The National Cemetery Administration honors veterans with final resting places in national shrines and with lasting tributes that commemorate their service to our nation.

Overview



- Northwoods National Cemetery was established in August 2020.
- The cemetery's first burial took place on October 26th, 2020.
- Situated on 6 acres of land, Northwoods is the second national cemetery established in Wisconsin.
- Fort Snelling National Cemetery manages Northwoods National Cemetery.

Making Burial Arrangements

To schedule a burial a funeral director or next-of-kin should contact the National Cemetery Scheduling Office to make burial arrangements for Veterans, spouses and/or eligible dependents.

Fax all available military discharge documents to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at (866) 900-6417 or scan and email the documentation to NCA.Scheduling@va.gov with the name of the decedent in the subject line and follow up with a call to (800) 535-1117 to schedule the interment.

If military discharge documents are not available, a scheduling office representative can assist with the verification process. Requests for eligibility determination when no military discharge documents are available may require 48 hours or more for verification.

Contact the cemetery directly to reschedule or cancel interments or request disinterment or relocation of remains.

Burial benefits provided by the National Cemetery Administration, at no cost to the Veteran, include: burial plot; opening and closing of the gravesite; a government liner; headstone or marker with inscription; interment flag; perpetual care of the gravesite; and a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

Funeral director's services are not covered. Gravesites are assigned by the cemetery and cannot be selected in advance.

Assignments are made without regard to rank, ethnic or religious background, branch of service or other factors.

There is no waiting list for burial in a VA national cemetery. The Veteran and spouse are interred in the same grave. Spouses and eligible children may be buried even if they predecease the Veteran. If both are Veterans, they may choose to be buried in adjacent graves.

Military honors are provided by the Department of Defense and are arranged by the funeral director. If there is no funeral director, cemetery staff will assist the family in arranging military honors.

Committal services and burials are scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for federal holidays. The cemetery's main flag is lowered to half-staff 30 minutes before the first service, where it remains until 30 minutes following the last service.

Northwoods National Cemetery has the following burial site options:

- Casket: in-ground only
- Cremation: in-ground
- Cremation: above-ground columbaria

The administration office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and closed on designated holidays.

Floral Policy

We welcome and encourage fresh-cut flowers throughout the year and provide flower containers for gravesite display. Cemetery visitors are free to use the containers located in receptacles placed throughout the grounds. Once the blooms are spent or damaged by weather, they are removed. They also may be removed for routine mowing or other maintenance.

Artificial flowers may only be placed on graves from October 1st through April 1st. Artificial flowers will be removed when they are faded or unsightly.

On Easter and Memorial Day, potted plants and artificial flowers may be placed on gravesites from the Thursday before the holiday until the following Monday. During the holiday season, from November 1st through January 20th, wreaths less than 18 inches in diameter and not higher than the marble headstone may be placed on gravesites.

To maintain the dignity of the cemetery, commemorative items, balloons, pinwheels, glass items, votive lights, statues, gravesite blankets, shepherd's hooks and permanent plantings, among other items, are not allowed.

No item or object may be attached to a headstone or marker in a national cemetery. Animals may eat fresh flowers or arrangements.

History and Background

The National Cemetery Administration (NCA) dedicated Northwoods National Cemetery in August 2020. The cemetery's first burial took place on October 26th, 2020.

The cemetery serves the burial needs of more than 38,000 Veterans, their spouses and eligible family members.

Northwoods National Cemetery is the 2nd VA cemetery in Wisconsin and is part of NCA's Rural Initiative to provide access to VA burial benefits for Veterans who reside in rural areas and who have not previously had reasonable access to a national or state Veterans cemetery. Wood National Cemetery in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is the only other VA national cemetery in the state and is currently closed to first interments.

The cemetery will provide casket burials, in-ground cremation burials, columbarium burials, and a memorial wall.