

COUNTY OF ULSTER

VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY

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Ulster County Veterans Cemetery (UCVC) Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Where is the Ulster County Veterans Cemetery located?**
 - 81 Plains Road New Paltz, NY, on the grounds of the New Paltz Rural Cemetery (NPRC).
- 2. Does the County own the UCVC?**
 - No. The County contracts with the NPRC to partition a section exclusively designated as the UCVC. Once a veteran is interred there, a plot deed is issued by NPRC in the name of the veteran.
- 3. Who can be buried there?**
 - Eligible veterans and optionally, a spouse.
- 4. How is an “eligible veteran” defined?**
 - The veteran must have served in armed forces of the U.S., received no less than a “general” discharge and been a resident of Ulster County.
- 5. What are the costs?**
 - Ulster County pays for the cost of the veteran’s burial plot and grave marker footing.
 - Families/Executors pay for spouse plots and other cemetery costs such as interment.
 - Cemetery fees are established by NPRC subject to NYS regulations.
- 6. Can a plot be pre-purchased or reserved?**
 - Plots are assigned upon the death of the veteran (or spouse).
 - Veteran plots are reserved next to plots purchased for a predeceased spouse. Purchased spouse plots are reserved next to the deceased veteran’s plot.
- 7. Who makes arrangements for a veteran or spouse burial in UCVC?**
 - The funeral home makes the arrangements with NPRC upon request of the next of kin.
- 8. Are there rules for grave markers?**
 - Yes. Only federal flat bronze markers are permitted, installed by NPRC. Spouse markers must be identical to the federal flat bronze style and are purchased by the family.
- 9. Can spouses be interred in the same plot as the veteran?**
 - Yes, but only if both are cremated.
- 10. Are VA benefits available for the expenses of veteran’s funeral?**
 - Bronze grave markers are provided by the VA at no cost for all eligible veterans. Other federal burial benefits are available to veterans meeting certain VA eligibility criteria.
- 11. Can donations be made to the UCVC?**
 - Yes. A committee of volunteer veterans oversees and makes improvements to the UCVC from donations and fund raisers.
- 12. Who maintains the UCVC?**
 - NPRC performs routine maintenance and care of the grounds. Improvements and repairs are overseen by the volunteer oversight committee.

13. Are military honors performed at funerals?

- Upon request of the family, military honors are performed. Arrangements are made by the funeral home handling the burial.

14. Where can I get more information or ask questions?

- The Ulster County Veteran Services Agency, 308 Flatbush Ave. Kingston, NY; 845-340-3190.