ADORNMENTS POLICY

Flowers:
- On the day of the interment, funeral pieces will be placed on the flower racks in the area of the gravesite. They will remain until withered.
- One (1) potted plant in a plastic container less than 8” in diameter may be placed on the grave. Plastic cone vases for flowers, natural or silk, are available at the Administration Office.
- Flowers not in an 8” plastic pot or cone vase will be removed and disposed of.
- Flowers, natural or silk, will be removed when withered or faded, or if weather conditions, such as wind, cause them to separate from the gravesite.
- Evergreen wreaths or arrangements less than 16” in diameter and 8” potted poinsettias may be placed from December 1st through January 31st as the weather permits. The decoration of cemetery trees or shrubs is not permitted.
- Permanent plantings of trees, shrubs, and flowers are prohibited.

Decorative Items:
- The Department of Veterans Affairs does not permit adornments that are offensive, inconsistent with the dignity of the cemetery, or hazardous to cemetery personnel.
- Decorative items incorporating beads or wires may become entangled in mowers or other equipment and cause injury. Breakable items can become dangerous projectiles, and items staked into the ground can puncture tires and impede proper maintenance of the gravesites.
  - Adornments not permitted in the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery include: glass, pottery, figurines, solar lights, upright crosses or crucifixes, statues, balloons, pinwheels, staked signs, and any item that poses a hazard to cemetery personnel or impedes maintenance of the grounds.
  - Unauthorized items will be removed from gravesites and surrounding areas at the end of each month and as necessary to facilitate maintenance. Items will be disposed of in a proper manner.
- Gravesite markers and Niche covers are property of the Department of Veterans Affairs. No decorative items may be affixed (glued or taped) to markers or covers, including pictures, stickers, ornaments, or flowers.
  - If damage to the marker or cover results from an affixed item, the marker or cover will be re-ordered from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The family of the veteran may be responsible for reimbursing the cost of the new marker or cover.

Flags:
- The United States flag is flown over the Veterans Memorial Cemetery every day. Additional flags are placed throughout the cemetery on Veterans Day, Memorial Day and during special events. To ensure the utmost respect and care for the U.S. flag, individual flags are not permitted on gravesites.

Thank you for your help in keeping the cemetery a dignified place for all who visit. Please direct any concerns to the Administrator at 401-268-3088.