

Copley Cemetery Veterans Section
Frank Bender Post #473
American Legion
3700 Copley Road
Copley, Ohio 44321

ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

Rules governing burial in the cemetery for the Veteran of the United States Armed Forces:

- I. Any honorably discharged veteran residing in Copley Township.
- II. All members of the American Legion Post #473 and the veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7971, regardless of residency, are eligible for burial rights in the Veterans Section.
- III. Cremation burials will be handled as regular burials.
- IV. On August 10, 2000, the American Legion Post #473 membership approved that the spouse of an honorable discharged veteran has the right to be buried in the adjacent plot next to their spouse. If the spouse of a veteran passes on first, then the burial plot next to the spouse will be reserved for the veteran. The responsibility for the "Veteran-Spouse" burial arrangements is the Copley Township Cemetery Sexton and the Post's Grave Registration Officer.
- V. On November 14, 2017, the American Legion Post 473 membership, in order to align with current National Cemetery guidelines, approved that the minor child or disabled unmarried adult child of an eligible Veteran may be buried in the "Veteran-Spouse" plot provided that no more than two (2) plots in total be used. A minor child is one who is unmarried and under the age of 21; or age of 26 and pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an accredited secondary educational institution. An unmarried adult child is one of any age that became permanently physically or mentally disabled and incapable of self-support before reaching the age of 21; or reaching the age of 26 if pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an accredited secondary education institution. Proper supporting documentation must be provided prior to burial authorization to the Graves Registration Officer for approval.
- VI. Only ground flush bronze, granite, or marble markers are authorized. No upright markers. Ground flush single or double bases, granite or marble only, are authorized to be placed beneath bronze markers only at the expense of the family. No bases for granite or marble markers.

Only the following size markers and bases are authorized:

Markers

- VA Single Marker: Bronze - 24" long x 12" wide (granite or marble – 4" thick)
- Double Marker: (family purchased): Bronze - 48" long x 12" wide (granite or marble – 4" thick)
- Family purchased markers must be inscribed with the branch of the military service in which each Veteran served. Other inscriptions desired by the family must be authorized by the VFW Post #7971/American Legion Post #473 Graves Registration Officer.

Bases – Bronze Markers Only

- Single base: 28” long x 16” wide x 4” thick. Marker must be centered on the base with a 2” reveal on all edges.
- Double base: 54” long x 16” wide x 4” thick. Markers must be centered on the base with a 2” reveal on all edges and a 2” reveal between the markers.
- Bronze markers must be bolted to the bases. Bolt holes must be drilled through the base and in correct alignment for mounting bolts to be installed from the underside of the base.

The Cemetery Sexton must be contacted for all Veteran marker and base requests to insure conformity to the above stated rule and to install the correct size foundation. The Cemetery Sexton will assist any family with any forms regarding all government issued markers.

- VII. No Live plants, flowers, bushes, etc., may be planted in the Veteran’s Section.
- VIII. The Cemetery Sexton will require the veterans DD-214 Honorable Discharge papers prior to burial authorization. The Cemetery Sexton will contact the Graves Registration Officer for authorization of burial in the veteran’s Section.
- IX. Every veteran’s grave is, by its very nature, hallow ground and desecration of a veteran’s final resting place is an insult not only to the veteran and their family, but also to the freedoms for which they served.