

Cemetery Access and Marker Placement

Objective

PERSONS WISHING to visit any of the family or church cemeteries located on Fort Bragg are encouraged to do so.

Fort Bragg CRP personnel will use all means possible to determine the identity of all individuals buried in the civilian cemeteries on Fort Bragg. All apparent marked and unmarked graves have been recorded.

Persons wishing to be buried or have a family member buried in a family or church cemetery located on Fort Bragg may make such a request to the Director of the Public Works Business Center.

Policy

Public access to family and church cemeteries will be allowed assuming the visit has been coordinated with Fort Bragg authorities. Coordination of such visits with the CRP office and Range Control must be conducted in order to avoid any conflicts with scheduled training activities.

Memorial markers will be authorized for placement in cemeteries where a preponderance of the evidence (oral history, historical documentation, family records) suggests that the individual in question is indeed buried in that cemetery. The marker will be placed as close to the original grave as can be determined or, if the original grave location is unknown, in an area of the cemetery that does not already have marked graves and where the aesthetics of the new marker do not immediately conflict with the older markers. For unmarked graves or graves without formal markers, descendants of the individual interred or the Department of Veterans Affairs (for military veterans) are to provide the marker if one is desired.

Burial of family members is permitted on a space available basis in existing family and church cemeteries (excluding the Main Post Cemetery). It is limited only to those who are directly related to persons already interred in the cemeteries. Directly related is defined as a parent, spouse, child, brother or sister. Authority for burial is granted on a case-by-case basis upon application to the Director of Public Works Business Center. Fort Bragg will make every attempt to accommodate such requests based on available cemetery space, and relatedness to individuals already interred in the cemetery.

Procedure

- 1) Visits to family or church cemeteries must be coordinated through the Fort Bragg Cultural Resource Program office (910-396-6680), who will coordinate with Range Control to ensure visits do not conflict with scheduled training.
- 2) Requests and supporting documentation for the placement of memorial markers must be made to the Fort Bragg Cultural Resource Program office (910-396-6680). Documentation must include historical research, family records or oral histories supporting the appropriateness of the proposed marker location. Fort Bragg's CRP personnel will assist with military marker application requests to the Department of Veteran's Affairs. Delivery of markers provided by familial descendants must be provided by the families although Fort Bragg CRP personnel will assist with placement.
- 3) Request for burial in any Fort Bragg family or church cemetery must be made in writing to the Director of Public Works Business Center, XVIII Airborne Corps Fort Bragg, ATTN: AFZA-PW, Fort Bragg, NC, 28310. Copies of supporting records documenting direct relationship of person to be interred to an individual already buried in the cemetery must be included.
- 4) The Director of PWBC will evaluate the written submission, and coordinate with the CRP to determine if internment is feasible and appropriate at the requested cemetery. The DPWBC will communicate his decision in writing to those requesting burial approval within 30 days of receipt of request.