

National Cemetery Administration Standardized Holiday Burial Rules

Recognized Federal Holiday	Calendar Day	Burial Day
New Year's Day <i>(NCA will not conduct burials if January 1st is on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.)</i>	If January 1 st is on Sunday: If January 1 st is on Monday: If January 1 st is on Friday: If January 1 st is on Saturday:	Monday, January 2 nd Saturday, December 30 th Saturday, January 2 nd Friday, December 31 st
Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday	3 rd Monday of January	Monday
Washington's Birthday	3 rd Monday of February:	Monday
Memorial Day	Last Monday of May:	Monday (<i>Saturday Option</i> ¹)
Independence Day <i>(NCA will not conduct burials if July 4th is on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.)</i>	If July 4 th is on Sunday: If July 4 th is on Monday: If July 4 th is on Friday: If July 4 th is on Saturday:	Monday, July 5 th Saturday, July 2 nd Saturday, July 5 th Friday, July 3 rd
Labor Day	1 st Monday of September:	Monday
Columbus Day	2 nd Monday of October:	Monday
Veterans Day <i>(NCA will not conduct burials if November 11th is on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.)</i>	If November 11 th is on Sunday: If November 11 th is on Monday: If November 11 th is on Friday: If November 11 th is on Saturday:	Monday, November 12 th (<i>Saturday option</i> ¹) Saturday, November 9 th (<i>Saturday option</i> ¹) Saturday, November 12 th (<i>Saturday option</i> ¹) Friday, November 10 th (<i>Saturday option</i> ¹)
Thanksgiving	4 th Thursday of November:	No burials.
Christmas <i>(NCA will not conduct burials if December 25th is on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.)</i>	If December 25 th is on Sunday: If December 25 th is on Monday: If December 25 th is on Friday: If December 25 th is on Saturday:	Monday, December 26 th Saturday, December 23 rd Saturday, December 26 th Friday, December 24 th

Principle: National Cemeteries will not go more than two consecutive days without offering an opportunity to be interred.

¹ **"Saturday Option":** District Directors can authorize Cemetery Directors the flexibility to conduct burials on Saturday to de-conflict interment services, ceremonies, and anticipated high visitation.