

PACIFIC SKYLINE COUNCIL Memorial Day Flag Decoration

Golden Gate National Cemetery
1300 Sneath Lane, San Bruno, CA 94066



The Golden Gate National Cemetery is one of a number of National Cemeteries authorized by the United States Congress in the 1930's and finished in the 1940's. Construction began in 1937 with the first internments in 1941. Golden Gate National Cemetery is built on the former location of Jersey Dairy, which was owned by the Sneath Family.

California Attorney General, Earl Warren, later governor of California and Chief Justice of the United States, was the keynote speaker at the opening ceremony. Golden Gate National Cemetery is one 131 National Cemeteries located in 39 states. The cemetery grounds are the final resting place of over 137,000 servicemen and women, set on 161 acres.

Notable Burials

- Admiral **Chester W. Nimitz**, Commander-in-Chief, US Pacific Fleet, World War II, and staff
- Congressman **Leo J. Ryan**



Medal of Honor Recipients: Cpl Edward A. Bennett (US Army), M Sgt Vito Bertoldo (US Army), Gunners Mate John Joseph Clausey (USN), Cpl John O. Dahlgren (US Marine Corps), Pvt John Francis DeSwan (US Army), Pvt Mosheim Feaster (US Calvary), Sgt Paul Foster (US Marine Corps), Sgt Edward Gibson (27th Infantry, US Volunteers), Pvt Harold Consolves (US Marine Corps), Capt (Nelson Holderman (US Army), Machinist's Mate William Huber (US Navy), Boatswain's Mate Reinhardt Keppler (US Navy), Seaman Hugh Mullin (US Navy), Pvt Stuart Stryker (US Army), Pvt Robert Young (US Army)

*The **Medal of Honor** is the United States' highest military honor, awarded for personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty.*

The medal is awarded by the President of the United States in the name of Congress to US military personnel only.



General Code of Conduct

As befitting the final resting place of our nation's valiant servicemen and women, please ensure that **all** members of your group conduct themselves in a dignified and reverent manner. No running is allowed. Park in designated areas only. Obey all signs and follow all traffic instructions. **No bicycles or pets are allowed onsite (service animals excepted).**

Memorial Day Flag Placement Instructions

Register your scout unit or organization at <http://www.pacsky.org/Activities/Service/MemDay15>. Register for one or both options:

- **Flag Planting:** Memorial Day Saturday
Check-in begins at approximately 7:15 am, followed by Opening Ceremonies at 8:30 am.
- **Flag Pick-up:** the Saturday following Memorial Day
Check-in begins at 9:00 am. A commemorative "thank you" pin is available for purchase at \$2.50/pin. Your pins will be delivered to you at check-out (Unfortunately, pins are pre-paid only; NO pins can be purchased on-site.)

Note: Non-BSA Units (Girl Scout Troops, Civic Groups and other Community Organizations, etc.) should register as "individuals," and follow the prompts to provide information regarding the NAME of your organization, the # of participants attending and the # of patches needed for your group. Non-Pacific Skyline Council units (Packs, Troops, Crews, etc. from other Councils) should register as a "contingent."

Memorial Day Saturday Check-in begins at approximately 7:15 am. Only **ONE** member of your group should check in. Check in will be by Council/District.

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Out-of-Council Units (including Girl Scout Troops) & Other Organizations

1. After you have checked in, please proceed to the Area Assignment table to receive your Placement Assignment. You will also receive tickets to pick up your "pokkers," based on the number of people in your group.
2. Proceed to the Poker Area to receive your pokkers.
3. Flags will be located in wooden boxes near the grave sites. Please only pick up flags from boxes in your designated area. Flags that are torn or not usable should be set aside. If you need more flags, please find a member of the cemetery grounds staff.

Opening Ceremony: 8:30 am – 9:00 am

Coffee, doughnuts and other refreshments are generously provided by American Legion Post 105, Redwood City.

Tips:

- Establish a **Central Meeting Place** for your group
- **Carry your Unit Flag** so that you can be easily spotted or identified
- Use **FRS/GMRS** frequency radios to communicate with each other
- Establish a protocol if you or your group gets **LOST or SEPARATED**
- Bring a small **Snack** and a **Water Bottle** (Practice "Leave No Trace!") – **THERE IS NO POTABLE WATER ON SITE!**