

## ODVA VISION

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The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs' (ODVA) vision is empowering Veterans and servicemembers in their pursuit of quality of life and quality of opportunity in the great State of Oklahoma.

## ODVA MISSION

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Our mission is to support, honor, and care for Oklahoma Veterans.

We are called to serve!



Seaman First Class Billy Turner  
Veterans Cemetery

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## Established 2022

Seaman First Class Billy Turner Veterans Cemetery is part of the VA Veterans Cemetery Grants Program, which is a federal-state partnership that provides Veterans a final resting place that is befitting of their service and sacrifice. In 2020, the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration awarded the State of Oklahoma a \$7,355,463 grant to establish a State Cemetery in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Located on twelve beautifully landscaped acres, the cemetery will serve approximately 25,570 Veterans and their eligible family members. Included on the grounds are waving flags at its center, paved roads, an administration building, maintenance facility, committal shelter, a memorial walkway as well as a few Canadian geese that freely roam the property.

## Burial Benefits

Burial benefits are available to all members of the armed forces who have met a minimum active duty service requirement and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

A Veteran's spouse, widow or widower, minor dependent children, and, under certain conditions, unmarried adult children with disabilities may also be eligible for burial. Eligible spouses and children may be buried even if they predecease the Veteran.

Members of the reserve components of the armed forces who die while on active duty, die while on training duty or who meet other active duty status or retirement pay eligibility, may also be eligible for burial.

A cemetery representative will assist every Veteran and their family in determining eligibility. The cemetery's administration building is open Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and is closed on federal and state holidays. Gates are open from dawn until dusk seven days a week, year-round for visitation. We encourage personal visits.

## Burial Arrangements

While S1c Billy Turner Veterans Cemetery is operated by the Oklahoma Dept. of Veterans Affairs, it follows the highest standards set forth by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs' National Cemetery Administration. One of our cemetery representatives will be happy to explain how these standards set us apart from other cemeteries.

Veteran services include a gravesite, opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, government headstone or niche cover, a burial flag and a Presidential Memorial Certificate at no cost.

A cemetery representative will be available to assist you with making burial arrangements. Services are held Monday through Friday, excluding federal and state holidays. It is an honor to serve those who served our country. Simply, thank you.



*Military burial flag ceremony*