



FREETOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION

Town Hall, P. O. Box 438 Assonet, Massachusetts 02702

Frequently Asked Questions Assonet Burying Ground Veterans Section

Is there any cost associated with purchasing a grave?

No. As of January 5, 2015, graves in the Veterans Section are free to qualified applicants (veterans, spouses, and dependent children). Only the \$10.00 deed fee shall apply.

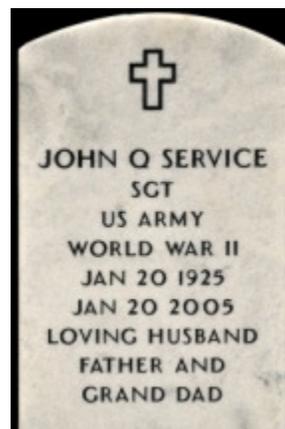
Is there a charge for opening the grave?

Yes. The Cemetery Commission only controls the prices of graves. Charges for vaults, opening graves, funeral home services, and all other matters are outside of our control.

What type of headstone can I have?

Headstones in the Veterans Section must match the upright marble headstones provided by the VA (sample pictured below right). Also, each lot must have its own headstone, as further outlined below:

If a veteran and spouse are sharing a single lot (usually meaning one or both are planning on cremation), they may share a single headstone. If both the veteran and spouse are planning for full burials (no cremation), then each must have their own headstone. The veteran's stone can usually be obtained from the VA for free, but the spouse's stone will most likely have to be purchased from a local monument company. Most local monument companies are familiar with our rules and can quote a price for a matching headstone.



No other style of headstone is permitted. Flat marble, flat granite, and flat bronze VA markers are also not permitted.

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