

Located on a bluff overlooking the scenic Cooper River, the Camden County Veterans Cemetery is located within historic Harleigh Cemetery. Harleigh Cemetery was selected as the location for the Camden County Veterans Cemetery because of its beauty and historic significance.

Veterans who honorably served their country as an active-duty or reserve member are eligible for a gravesite at no charge. There are one-time fees for interment and perpetual maintenance. Spouses of veterans interred in the cemetery are eligible for a discount on adjacent grave spaces. The 800-square-foot Harleigh Cemetery Chapel is also available to accomodate a proper military service.

For more information about the Camden County Veterans Cemetery, call the **Camden County Office of Veterans Affairs** at **1-800-464-VETS**, Harleigh Cemetery at (856) 963-3500 or inquire with your funeral director.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the camden county veterans affairs office (VA) is to assist veterans in their efforts to establish eligibilty for and obtain benefits from the federal department of veterans affairs; to assist veterans service organizations and related entities in conducting ceremonies for the award of service medals; and to facilitate operations at the camden county veterans cemetery. We provide expertise in the following areas:

- 1. BENEFITS/ELIGIBILITY
- 2. MEDAL CEREMONIES
- 3. CEMETERY
- 4. VETERAN HISTORY VIDEO PROJECT

Our staff is trained annually to keep current with all regulations. Our office is available 5 days a week (by appointment) to offer assistance to all our veterans and dependents with regards to:

- Eligibility qualification for all VA program for veterans and family
- Education benefits information
- Disability compensation for service disabled veterans
- VA pensions for low-income, non-service disabled war veterans and their widows
- VA Medical benefits information for in-patient and out-patient services
- Burial benefits, headstone, grave markers and veterans cemetery information
- Indemnity compensation for eligible survivors of veterans who died of service-connected causes
- Post-traumatic stress disorder information and referrals
- · Agent Orange information and referrals
- Coordination of the Camden County Honor Guard for burial detail
- · File for discharge upgrades, when warranted
- Military awards and decorations
- · Request for military/medical records
- · Property tax reduction

# HONORABLE DISCHARGE/DD214 REGISTRATION & PHOTO ID CARDS

It is important for veterans to register their Honorable Discharge Papers and Form DD-214 with the Camden County Clerk's Office. Registering these forms gives the veteran the security of knowing that their records are permanently stored, should the veteran misplace their original discharge papers.

When a veteran registers their papers with the County Clerk's Office, they can obtain a photo identification card which lists the veteran's name, address and the book and page number where the veteran's documents are recorded in the County Clerk's Office. The veteran may apply for the card at the Camden County Clerk's Office in City Hall, Camden or at the Camden County Store in the Voorhees Town Center. This service is free of charge to all honorably discharged Camden County veterans.

## FLAGS & GRAVE MARKERS

Each Memorial Day, we commemorate those brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation's freedom.

Through the efforts of the Camden County Board of Freeholders and the Office of Veterans Affairs, along with various veterans organizations, volunteers from the girl and boy scouts, Civil Air Patrol volunteers, veterans auxiliary organizations and community volunteers, flags and grave markers are placed, ensuring that the grave sites of our Camden County veterans are properly decorated. Call 1-800-464-VETS for more information.

#### SERVICE MEDALS

Our office can assist honorably discharged veterans in obtaining military decorations and medals to which they are entitled.

In addition, camden county service medals are presented to county residents who have been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces. Widows and family members are also entitled to recieve these medals posthumously.

#### MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL

To be eligible, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces
- Must be a current resident of Camden County
- Provide Proof of Service: DD-214 discharge papers or a form 53-55, 553

### KOREAN WAR SERVICE MEDAL

To be eligible, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces
- Must be a current resident of Camden County
- Provide Proof of Service: DD-214 discharge papers or a form 53-55, 553
- Served during the following time frame of the Korean War: between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955