

(c) (1) The Commission may accept land, on behalf of the State or a political subdivision of the State, or otherwise acquire land for a State veterans' cemetery, if the Commission has the approval of:

(i) the governing body of the county where the State veterans' cemetery is to be located;

(ii) the delegation in the General Assembly for the county where the State veterans' cemetery is to be located; and

(iii) the Board of Public Works.

(2) In selecting a location for a proposed State veterans' cemetery, the Commission shall give priority to land that is near a national memorial battle site.

(d) (1) The Commission shall maintain and supervise each State veterans' cemetery.

(2) The Washington Cemetery Board of Trustees shall be under the supervision of the Commission.

(e) (1) Subject to the limitations in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Commission shall provide a plot in a State veterans' cemetery, without charge, to an applicant who meets the requirements of this section.

(2) In the order in which the Commission receives the applications for plots, the Commission shall allot a plot in the State veterans' cemetery that is closest to the residence of the veteran and has an available plot.

(f) (1) To qualify for a plot in a State veterans' cemetery, the applicant must be a veteran or a member of the immediate family of a veteran who meets the requirements of this subsection.

(2) The veteran must have an honorable discharge from the armed forces.

(3) The veteran must have been a resident of the State:

(i) when the veteran entered the armed forces;

(ii) when the veteran died; or

(iii) for 20 years, unless, for a reason that the Commission finds compelling, the Commission waives the time period.

(g) To obtain a plot in a State veterans' cemetery, an applicant shall submit to the Commission an application on the form that the Commission provides.

(h) (1) In a plot that is allotted to a veteran, the Commission shall bury:

(i) the veteran; and

(ii) any member of the immediate family of the veteran if the family member can be buried in a space above or below the veteran.