



## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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To all Funeral Homes served by  
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

Dear Funeral Directors and Staff:

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery (SVNC) stands ready to honor veterans with a final resting place and lasting memorials that commemorate their service to our nation. We strive to serve our veterans and their families with the respect, honor, and dignity they've earned from this country.

Due to current events specifically COVID-19, commonly known as the Coronavirus, we along with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) are doing the following:

- Groups: Urging funeral providers and families to adhere to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) guidelines of limiting gatherings to 10 or fewer individuals
- Military Honors: Military honors by the SVNC Cemetery Honor Guard will not be available. Military honors by the USAF will be limited to 2 persons. Other branches of service may limit their participation as well, feel free to contact each branch of service for particulars.
- Direct Interments: NCA will accommodate direct interments in the event that families want to postpone the committal service.
- Visitors: Visitors to our cemetery are urged to abide by local travel restrictions and avoid unnecessary travel.

"VA and NCA are taking this matter seriously. It is essential for us to ensure the health and safety of the Veterans and family members we serve, and all of our NCA team members."  
(Randy Reeves, Undersecretary for Memorial Affairs).

As we go through this time of change I want to thank you for all that you do for our veterans and their families. If you have any questions please feel free to call our office at (707) 693-2460.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wayne A. Goddard".

Wayne A. Goddard  
Assistant Director