

RS 29:292

§292. Honor guard for military funerals; organizations authorized to request services

A. The Reserve Officers Training Corps units at Louisiana State University, including branches at Chambers and New Orleans, and of colleges under the control of the state board of education are authorized and directed to provide an honor guard for military funerals. The designated unit shall consist of a bugler and not less than seven nor more than ten men who are trained in the procedure of conducting military burial services. The honor guard shall be under the direction of the commander of the Reserve Officers Training Corps or a person or persons appointed by him to command such unit. The unit shall serve a radius of seventy-five miles of the institution where the unit is located during the academic year and the students shall receive drill credit for the military funerals they attend.

B. The following congressionally approved organizations are authorized to request the services of this special unit through their duly elected post commander: American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Veterans of World War II, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans and the Marine Corps League.

Acts 1960, No. 118, §1.

RS 29:295

§295. Louisiana veterans cemeteries

A. The Department of Veterans Affairs may construct and operate veterans cemeteries in Louisiana and may employ such personnel as are necessary for the proper management of the cemeteries. The department may acquire, by gift, purchase, or condemnation, lands necessary for the purposes of the cemeteries. Title to the properties shall be taken in the name of the state.

B. Any person who is eligible for burial in a national veterans cemetery as provided in 38 U.S.C. 2402 and 38 C.F.R. Section 1.620 is eligible for burial in a state veterans cemetery.

C. The department may charge a fee of seven hundred forty-five dollars for burials in a cemetery operated pursuant to this Section and may promulgate rules for the department to waive the fee, or any portion thereof, for financial hardship as defined and set forth in the rules promulgated by the department. The department may use the funds generated from the collection of burial fees to pay for costs associated with the operation of the cemeteries.

D. The department may accept for the state all gifts, grants, and bequests for the purposes of construction, maintenance, restoration, preservation, and rehabilitation of the veterans cemeteries constructed under this Section.

Acts 1999, No. 380, §1; Acts 2016, No. 154, §1.