



# The Mini Page

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## Honoring Those Who Served

# Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery is in Virginia, right outside of Washington, D.C. It is on 600 acres of land across the Potomac River from the Lincoln Memorial. The cemetery surrounds Arlington House, at one time the home of the Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

An outdoor auditorium is on the grounds. Here it is decorated for Memorial Day.



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### A national cemetery

Memorial Day is celebrated the last Monday in May. This day honors those who have lost their lives serving our country.

There are more than 100 special military cemeteries in this country and around the world.

One of the best known is Arlington National Cemetery, where more than 300,000 service members and their family members are buried. Service members from every American war, including Iraq and Afghanistan, are buried there.

The Mini Page marks Memorial Day with a story about this beautiful and inspiring cemetery.

### 'Flags-in'

Every year on Memorial Day weekend, soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment place flags in front of every gravestone of service members buried at Arlington. This tradition is known as "flags-in."



Pfc. William Leger of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Hotel Company places a flag for "flags-in."

### Burials

About 28 service members or their family members are buried every day at Arlington National Cemetery. The flags in the cemetery fly at half-staff from a half-hour before the first funeral to a half-hour after the last funeral.



A bugler playing "Taps" is a part of many burials.



Six matched horses pulling a caisson with a flag-draped casket are a part of some military funerals.

### Slaves

More than 3,800 former slaves are also buried at Arlington in Section 27.

## Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day. See if you can find:

- olive
- dog
- number 2
- frog
- tooth
- elephant's head
- tea pot
- doughnut
- two hearts
- bell
- sailboat
- word MINI
- number 7
- sheep
- owl
- strawberry
- man in the moon
- umbrella



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## Rookie Cookie's Recipe Broccoli Side Dish

### You'll need:

- 4 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon water
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
- dash cayenne pepper
- 2 cups fresh broccoli florets
- 1/3 cup chopped red or orange bell pepper
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries

### What to do:

1. Combine olive oil, water, lemon juice, vinegar, honey and seasonings in a jar with a tight-fitting lid. Shake well.
2. In a separate bowl, mix vegetables and cranberries.
3. Add dressing and toss to coat evenly.
4. Cover and chill for 1 hour.

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## Meet Sharon Katz



Sharon (with guitar) & The Peace Train band

Members of the band Sharon Katz & The Peace Train are some of the artists on the new CD "Kids World Party." Part of the profits from the CD will go to the human rights group Amnesty International.

In 1993, Sharon formed a 600-member musical group with people of many races and cultures in South Africa. *Apartheid* (uh-PART-ide), which kept black and white people separate by law, had just ended. No one before had brought groups of people from different races together to perform there.

After this concert, Sharon and 150 performers from different cultures toured South Africa. They called themselves The Peace Train. She and the musicians worked with people who had been victims of violence, helping them heal.

In 1994, South Africa was getting ready to hold its first democratic elections. Sharon was hired to write songs in many African languages to teach people how to vote.

Sharon Katz & The Peace Train travel throughout the world, working with kids. Their foundation helps orphans who have lost their parents because of AIDS.

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## Goldie Goodsport's Report Supersport: Danielle Adams



Height: 6-1 Hometown: Kansas City, Mo.

In the biggest game in Texas A&M women's basketball history, the Aggies needed an All-American performance from All-American Danielle Adams.

No problem. The dependable senior rose to the challenge, seized the moment, and is the chief reason A&M won its first women's national championship.

In the 76-70 win over Notre Dame, Adams applied her soft shooting touch to score 30 points and used her strength to snare 9 rebounds. She was unstoppable, which came as no surprise considering her season's stats — 22.3 points per game and 8.5 boards in the Aggies' 33-5 season.

Adams, who has expressed interest in coaching or becoming a radio talk-show host, was a two-time junior college All-American before joining the Aggies and completing her career at A&M in fairy-tale fashion.

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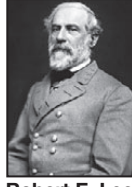
# Arlington History

### Arlington House

Arlington Cemetery surrounds Arlington House, which is today the Robert E. Lee Memorial. The house was built by Martha Washington's grandson, George Washington Parke Custis. His daughter Mary Anna married Robert E. Lee, who became the leader of the Confederate Armies.

Lee left Arlington House to serve in the Civil War in April 1861 and never returned. Arlington House became an armed camp and headquarters for Union forces. Part of the property was taken for a cemetery for Union soldiers.

The Lee family lost claim to the mansion in 1864 because they didn't pay their taxes. Later, the government paid \$150,000 for the property. It became a settlement for freed slaves, and later a farm.



Robert E. Lee

### Presidents at Arlington

Only two presidents are buried at Arlington National Cemetery: William Howard Taft and John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Taft's monument is 14 1/2 feet tall. His wife, Helen, is also buried there.



Kennedy's grave is marked by an eternal flame (a flame that is never put out). Also buried there are two of his children and his wife, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. His brothers Robert F. Kennedy and Edward M. Kennedy are buried nearby.

### Who else rests there?

Nineteen of our country's astronauts are buried at Arlington. Sixty-two people from other countries also are laid to rest there. Twenty-four of them are British.



Pierre Charles L'Enfant's monument

Pierre Charles L'Enfant's grave is also found at Arlington. L'Enfant was born in Paris and served in the U.S. Army during the Revolutionary War. George Washington asked him to help design the city of Washington, D.C. Today his monument overlooks the city of Washington.

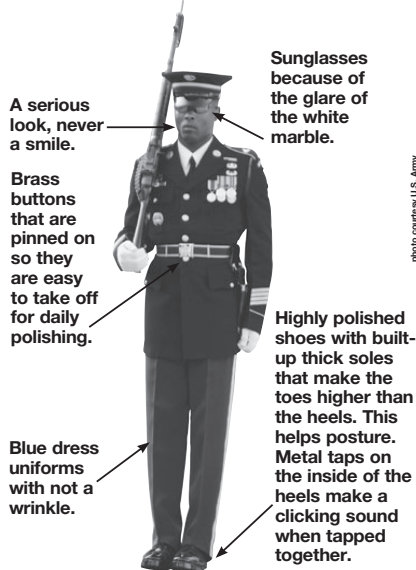
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# The Tomb of the Unknowns

A Tomb sentinel walks in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has been guarded non-stop by soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) since 1948.



### What a sentinel wears



### Sentinels:

- volunteer for the honor of being one. Only those who pass through difficult training are selected. Not all make it.
- must sign on for the right reasons. They must want to show respect for those who lost their lives serving our country. They must memorize seven pages of information about the cemetery and the tomb.
- must maintain their composure and always show respect.
- must press and steam their own uniforms and keep their brass buttons polished. They usually stay on the job for up to two years.

### The tomb and those who guard it

The Tomb of the Unknowns, or the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, is a tribute to many Americans who lost their lives for our freedom. Three unidentified servicemen, one each from World War I, World War II and Korea, are buried there. There is also a tomb for a service member from the Vietnam War, but that airman's remains were identified and removed from the tomb. The Vietnam tomb is to remain empty.

A lone tomb guard takes 21 steps as he walks back and forth on a mat in front of the tomb. He stops at each end of the mat, turns around, and faces nearby Washington for 21 seconds before he turns again. The 21 steps and seconds stand for the 21-gun salute, the highest U.S. salute.



The changing of the guard ceremonies are held during the daylight hours. The guards are changed every hour during the winter and every half-hour during the summer. There are also sentinels on duty at night.



Vice President Joe Biden lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns on Memorial Day, May 31, 2010, assisted by Sgt. 1st Class Alfred Lanier, sergeant of the guard.

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## MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

- Liz:** What is a chauffeur's favorite beverage?  
**Lonny:** Limo-nade!
- Lester:** What player on a baseball team pours lemonade?  
**Lucy:** The pitcher!
- Lance:** Which lemon is successful at an auction?  
**Lori:** The highest bitter!

## Arlington National Cemetery TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of Arlington National Cemetery are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: ARLINGTON, ASTRONAUT, BURIAL, CAISSON, CEMETERY, DAY, FLAGS-IN, GRAVE, HOUSE, LEE, MEMORIAL, OLD GUARD, PRESIDENT, SALLUTE, SENTINEL, SLAVES, TAPS, TOMB, UNKNOWN, VIRGINIA, WAR.

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## Ready Resources

The Mini Page provides ideas for websites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

**On the Web:**

- [www.arlingtoncemetery.mil](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil)
- [www.army.mil/info/organization/unitsandcommands/commandstructure/theoldguard/speclt/tomb.htm](http://www.army.mil/info/organization/unitsandcommands/commandstructure/theoldguard/speclt/tomb.htm)
- [www.army.mil/info/organization/unitsandcommands/commandstructure/theoldguard/speclt/caisson.htm](http://www.army.mil/info/organization/unitsandcommands/commandstructure/theoldguard/speclt/caisson.htm)

**At the library:**

- "Memorial Day" by Christin Ditchfield
- "Arlington National Cemetery" by Ted Schaefer

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