

Interim Tour Policy (2017)

Congressional Cemetery requires group tours to contact the office (staff@congressionalcemetery.org or 202-543-0539) to notify the Cemetery of tour. If private tours would like to request a volunteer Congressional Cemetery docent, we advise giving as much advance notice as possible, as we cannot guarantee that staff or docents will always be available. For private tours led by a Congressional Cemetery docent, the suggested donation is \$10 per person. Group tours led by a private guide are \$50 per group. All tours must give advance notice, as Congressional Cemetery is an active cemetery with funerals and events that may potentially conflict with tour groups.

Tour Policy (To be implemented 2018):

Congressional Cemetery is committed to remaining an open and vibrant part of Capitol Hill as well as the greater Washington community. We proudly welcome visitors free of charge, as we've always done. However, due to the logistics involved and potential for wear and tear on the cemetery, we require organized groups of 15 or more to be guided by a HCC staff member, docent, or DCRA certified guide who has attended a Cemetery training session. Out of consideration of this requirement, and to help preserve the Cemetery for future generations, we ask for a \$150/coach fee, or \$25/coach if providing your own guide.

Congressional Cemetery will provide periodic training for guides licensed by the DC Consumer and Regulatory Administration. The training will include:

- History of Historic Congressional Cemetery
- Cemetery policies and procedures
 - Philosophy of cemetery as active community space along with remembrance
 - Instructions on preservation/wear and tear of tombstones
 - Sharing the space with dog walkers and community members
 - Motor coach routing and parking
- Sample standard tour
 - David Herold
 - Elbridge Gerry
 - J. Edgar Hoover
 - John Philip Sousa

To arrange a group visit, contact at (202) 543-0539 or staff@congressionalcemetery.org. We cannot guarantee that staff or docents will always be available, so we encourage you to contact as early as possible to coordinate your visit.