



2023 Tour and Group Visit Policy

Congressional Cemetery requires group tours to contact the office_ (staff@congressionalcemetery.org or 202-543-0539) to notify the cemetery of **any and all tours**.

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, a non-refundable donation of **\$10 per person (\$100 minimum)** is required. **Group tours led by a private DCRA certified 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:

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 10 or more to be guided by a HCC staff member, docent, or DCRA certified guide.** Note, DCRA certified guides leading tours may be accompanied by an HCC staff member to ensure content accuracy. Groups led by an HCC docent or staff member are not charged a coach fee. Groups led by private guides are charged an additional **\$25 per coach fee.**

Group Visits: Organized groups are welcome to visit for a variety of purposes beyond a walking tour, such as wreath laying ceremonies, tributes at gravesides, and other ceremonial purposes. Private groups are welcome for these purposes free of charge, but they **must inform HCC staff ahead of time** if the group is larger than 30 people. Commercial operators and other for-profit organization visits for non-tour purposes (such as bands playing at Sousa's graveside) will be charged a **\$50 per coach fee.**

Please note: While it is unlikely, there could be a funeral during your tour. We ask that the group be respectful and willing to adjust the tour route to give the mourners space.

Our historic cemetery is not ADA-compliant. There are paved paths, but to reach a number of the gravesites, it requires traveling over uneven terrain.

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.