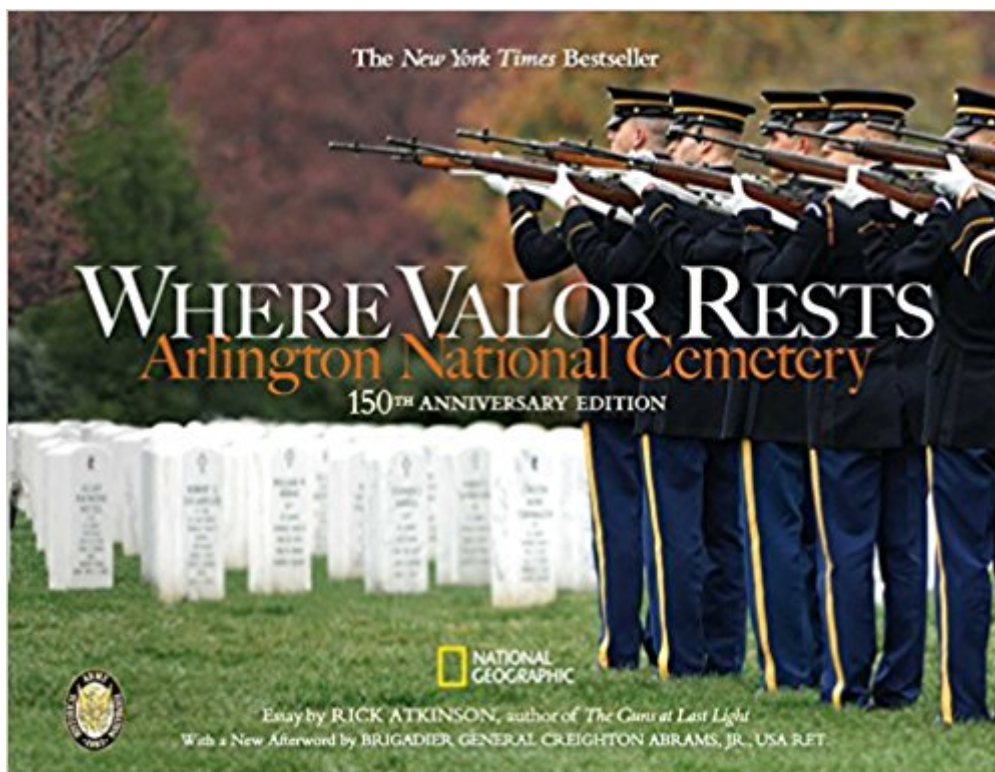


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# Where Valor Rests: Arlington National Cemetery



## Synopsis

Commemorating the 150th anniversary of Arlington National Cemetery, this updated edition includes new images, an afterword by Brigadier General Creighton Abrams, Jr., and a revised map of the cemetery including newly acquired additional land. Bittersweet and breathtaking, this gorgeously illustrated edition guides readers gently through the stories of Arlington National Cemetery's surprising origins, the people who tend the graves and mourn the fallen heroes, the tomb guards, the services, and more. With nearly 200 exceptional photographs, poignant essays, and a detailed map of the historic points of interest and memorials, this commemorative book of Arlington National Cemetery is a treasure. Touching new photographs of the 150th anniversary commemorations mark this historic milestone for the world-famous cemetery both a fitting tribute and a stirring reminder of the values Americans hold dear.

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## Customer Reviews

"In photographs and text so beautiful, so respectful and so honest that they repeatedly bring tears to the reader's eyes, *Where Valor Rests* captures the meaning and importance of the nation's most storied graveyard." #151; Dallas Morning News

Rick Atkinson is the best-selling author of *The Long Gray Line*, a narrative account of West Point's class of 1966; *Crusade*, a history of the Persian Gulf War, and the Pulitzer Prize-winning *An Army at Dawn*. His other awards include two more Pulitzers, the Livingston Award for international reporting,

the John Hancock Award for Excellence; the George Polk Award for national reporting, and a PEN special citation for non-fiction.

I bought this because I had just been there in December for Wreaths across America. What a surprise, this book is awesome. Such beautiful pictures, the history of Arlington National Cemetery written so beautifully. What struck me was the amount of people it takes to maintain its property. so wonderful to see the faces of Arlington. I am struck by the respect that each employee has for this sacred space. What I hadn't known was the people who weren't military buried there. I would recommend this book to anyone who has love in their heart for our military and how we take care of our own with respect and dignity. It seems impossible to have so many funerals in a day. I am sure that the first funeral for the day is as special as the last funeral each day.

As a gold star mother whose son is buried in Arlington National Cemetery(ANC). This book is wonderful. It gives people who might never go to ANC a glimpse of what lies within its boundaries. Beautifully photographed. Some of the stories of ANC are highlighted. The stories of ANC are as numerous as those who rest within its borders. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the sentinels known as the Tomb Guards. The people who care for and etch the headstones. The landscapers and grounds keepers. The visitors and historians who come to ANC and why they come. The families of those entombed within the confines of ANC. And the history of how it became a cemetery in the first place. Heartbreaking, soul stirring and somehow uplifting.

Stunning pictures and moving text combine to give you an awe inspiring tour of probably the most revered area of the United States. You may have visited Arlington on a tour of Washington D.C., but Rick Atkinson and National Geographic takes you past the tourists and delivers a book that shows the care, dedication, and honor that envelopes the cemetery. Contents: Preface Essay History Final March Autumn People Caring Salutes Ceremony Sacrifice Tomb Guards Services Afterglow Afterword About the Contributors Photography Credits Beginning with the history of Arlington, which was once General Robert E. Lee's estate, and ending with pictures of Arlington at night, *Where Valor Rests: Arlington National Cemetery* is a beautiful, lovingly photographed book. The Afterword tells you that after every interment, this book, along with the flag, are given to the family. And I can see why. I've been to Arlington, but not the Arlington presented in this book. That Arlington is populated with people that dedicate themselves to the care, maintenance, history, ceremony, and protection of 300,000 graves of the fallen. Exquisitely

photographed, this book brings you more than a tour ever could. You see the cemetery in all seasons, you see veterans of World War II honoring their comrades, you witness the burials of soldiers who served in Iraq and Afghanistan (Section 60). You learn that ever since July 2, 1937, every minute of every day, someone has guarded the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Every. Single. Day. Think about that for a moment. There are pictures that show the guards in snow, at night, and other times when not a single other soul is in the cemetery. It was difficult for me to read the captions on those pictures. While I have read a few books this year, none of them affected me like this one. None of them included pictures like the ones that are in this book. This is an amazing tribute to Arlington National Cemetery, the 300,000 interred, and those who protect, care, and serve within its boundaries. An incredible work. One that everyone should experience.

Excellent Pictorial Essay on the hallowed ground of Arlington National Cemetery. Rick Atkinson's contribution sets the book off in a special way that compliments the wonderful and touching photos of some of America's finest photographers. A collector's piece and an exceptionally well received "Best Seller" for your coffee table or office Waiting Area - to catch the eyes of friends and colleagues.

The photography and narrative of WHERE VALOR RESTS tells the story of why Arlington National Cemetery is one of the few places in the United States that can honestly be said to be hallowed ground. I had the honor of serving as a US Army chaplain at ANC for four years, and this volume mirrors the daily reality of those men and women in military uniform, along with the dedicated civilian workers, who render honors and thanks on our behalf, to those who faithfully served and sacrificed for our nation as they are interred in their final resting place. This book gives us a glimpse into the soul of America. This book is not just for the student of history and visual artist to be enriched by the written word and photo, but for any person who seeks to comprehend what it means to be a citizen of the "land of the free and home of the brave."

Great book and photos of our best known national cemetery.

The book is sad but beautiful. It really shows what our country has won and lost thanks to our service men and women. I was there shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy, but to see the entire cemetery in photos helps with the magnitude of it and the beauty. A must have for all Americans, especially at this time in our history.

A beautiful pictorial view of a national treasure which I was fortunate enough to see for the first time at a Oct 2014 Army Security Agency reunion. I will never forget the changing of the guard ceremony at the tomb of the unknowns. I spent 25 years in the Army so I was gratified to see all the war and DC memorials. This book supplements a History Channel DVD I own that covers all the war memorials except the Korean War memorial

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