

Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial



Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, Virginia

Established: June 15, 1864

During the Civil War both sides were shocked by the high number of casualties. The U.S. Government created national cemeteries to respectfully bury all dead federal soldiers. Union leaders hoped that a cemetery surrounding Arlington House would prevent General Lee from ever returning to his home. Today more than 330,000 U.S. servicemen and women are buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

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