

Information Regarding Overseas Burials Summary Sheet

Options Available to Families:

- Burial in a permanent American military cemetery overseas.
- Repatriation: Return of remains to U.S. for burial in a private cemetery or in a national cemetery.
- Return of remains to a foreign country which was the homeland of the deceased or next of kin.
- These options are very similar to those available to next of kin in World War I.
- In conflicts after World War II the remains of all servicemen and servicewomen are repatriated to the United States for interment.

Legislation Regarding Repatriation:

- Signed into law in 1946
- Allowed for repatriations until end of 1951
- Cost: \$200 million
- Each repatriation cost an estimated \$700.00
- Families could have as much as \$50 of burial cost paid for by U.S. government

The Burial of Our Fallen Heroes:

- There are 14 ABMC commemorative cemeteries for World War II dead. Six of them are in France. Two each are in Belgium and Italy. Britain, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the Philippines, and Tunisia each have one.
- There are 92,958 individuals from World War II buried overseas in ABMC cemeteries.
- Next of kin requested the return of 171,539 remains.

America's Overseas Military Cemeteries Today:

- A visitor welcome center is part of every commemorative cemetery.
- Facilities at military cemeteries include a chapel, memorials, and often murals, mosaics, maps, and other artwork that interpret the course of the war in the region in which the cemetery is located and honor the fallen.
- In fiscal year 2018 the agency's total expenditures equaled \$87.6 million.