



# Biography

Department of the Army



**Patrick K. Hallinan**  
Superintendent  
Arlington National Cemetery  
Arlington, VA



Patrick K. Hallinan was appointed Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery on October 10, 2010. He had been detailed from the Department of Veterans Affairs to the Department of the Army as Acting Superintendent since June 10, 2010.

Prior to his assignment to Arlington National Cemetery, Mr. Hallinan was serving as the Director of the Office of Field Programs, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs since Oct. 20, 2008. As Director, Mr. Hallinan was responsible for the development and implementation of National Cemetery policy, procedures, and centralized guidance related to national cemetery operations. He had oversight responsibilities for five Memorial Service Network offices and 131 national cemeteries. Prior to this assignment, he served as associate director of the Office of Field Programs from June 15, 2003.

Mr. Hallinan joined the National Cemetery System as a temporary laborer at Long Island National Cemetery in New York in 1977. During a period of more than 31 years of cemetery service, he has held various positions from basic laborer to work supervisor, assistant cemetery director and director. He has had more than 24 years of direct supervisory experience. Mr. Hallinan is also one of the original 37 employees who opened Calverton National Cemetery in September 1978.

Mr. Hallinan was selected to be the director of Calverton National Cemetery in New York in August 1994. During his tenure, Mr. Hallinan and his employees were presented with the "VA Secretary's Award" by Secretary Anthony Principi for their dedicated efforts on behalf of Veterans families whose loved ones were victims of the terrorist attacks in New York on Sept. 11, 2001. Mr. Hallinan was presented the "1995 Leadership VA Award" by the VA Deputy Secretary Hershel Gober on Aug. 17, 1995 and on Sept. 26, 1996, under Mr. Hallinan's leadership, Calverton National Cemetery won the prestigious "Robert W. Carey Quality Award," VA's highest quality management award.

Before joining the Department of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Hallinan served as an infantry squad leader with the U.S. Marine Corps. His military service gives him more than 35 years of federal service. Mr. Hallinan is a Vietnam Era Veteran and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

Mr. Hallinan attended college under the G.I. Bill during the evening while working for the cemetery full-time during the day. He graduated from Suffolk Community College in Long Island with an associate's degree in liberal arts and continued to pursue his education, completing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science (pre-law) Magna Cum Laude.