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North Africa American Cemetery and Memorial

LOCATION 553 Rue Roosevelt

Carthage, Tunis, 2016 Tunisia

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MEMORIALS 6,328 added (72% photographed)

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At the 27-acre North Africa American Cemetery and Memorial in Tunisia rest 2,841 of the military dead of the United States of America. Their headstones are set in straight lines subdivided into nine rectangular plots by wide paths, with decorative pools at their intersections. Along the southeast edge of the burial area, bordering the tree-lined terrace leading to the memorial is the Wall of the Missing. On this wall 3,724 names are engraved. Rosettes mark the names of those since recovered and identified. Most honored here lost their lives in World War II in military activities ranging from North Africa to the Persian Gulf.

The chapel and the memorial court, which contain large maps in mosaic and ceramic depicting the operations and supply activities of American forces across Africa to the Persian Gulf, were designed to harmonize with local architecture. The chapel interior is decorated with polished marble, flags and sculpture.

The cemetery lies between the Mediterranean and the Bay of Tunis, atop part of ancient Roman Carthage. It was established in 1948 to consolidate temporary cemeteries in North Africa. The government of Tunisia granted its free use as a permanent burial ground in perpetuity without charge or taxation.

Getting there:

It is 10 miles from the city of Tunis and 5 miles from it's airport. It can be reached by taxicab from the city or airport.

There is an electric commuter train from Tunis - the nearest stop is Amilcar station and is only a two or three hundred yard walk to the cemetery.