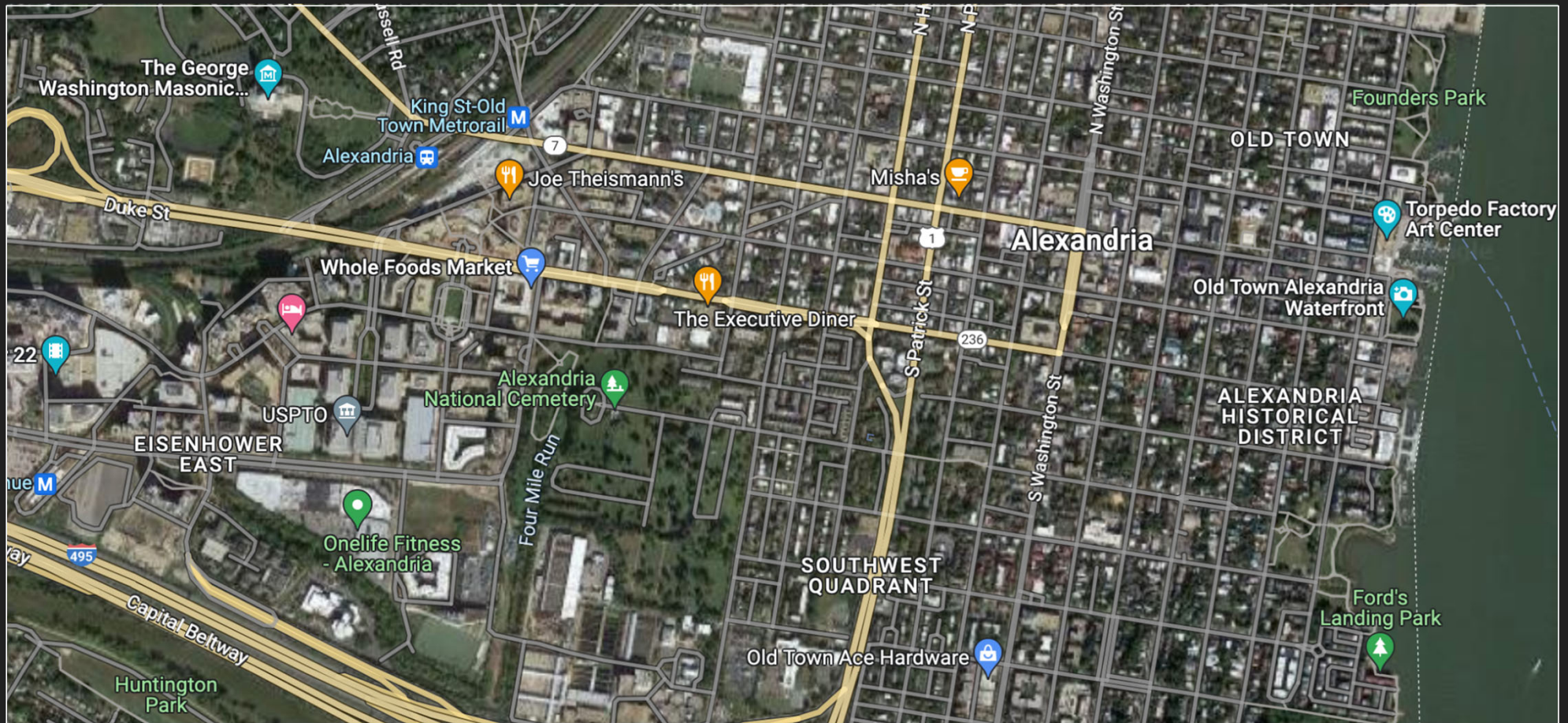


Alexandria National Cemetery





Establishment and Origin

- Congress provides authority in 1862 to buy land for national cemeteries
- Alexandria is one of the original 14 authorized
- Primarily sick and wounded from Alexandria-area hospitals
- Nearly at capacity by 1864
- Vast majority of burials are Civil War-era



Washington, D. C., January 20, 1866.

GENERAL: I have the honor to transmit herewith the record of burials (alphabetically arranged, three—letter index.) at the National Cemetery, Alexandria, Va.

This cemetery, which has been under the charge of Brevet Lieutenant Colonel J. G. C. Lee, assistant quartermaster United States army, is situated in the southwestern suburbs of the city. The site is admirably adapted for burial purposes, and has been laid off into blocks, and ranges, similar to the National Cemetery in this city.

Well-kept gravel walks traverse the grounds, the graves have been sodded, and white tablets, lettered in black, are placed at the head of each, giving name, rank, regiment, and date of death.

A neat office has been erected for the accommodation and convenience of visitors.

Every care and attention have been bestowed by the officer in charge in ornamenting and beautifying this cemetery, and making it a suitable resting place for our deceased soldiers.

The total number of interments are: white, 3,372; colored, 229; total, 3,601; of which number there are—

White soldiers.....	3, 367
Of the United States navy	2
White citizen.....	1
White females	2
Colored soldiers.....	229
Total	<u>3, 601</u>

I am, general, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES M. MOORE,

Brevet Lieut. Colonel and Assist. Quartermaster U. S. A.

Confederates

- 39 Confederates buried in the cemetery by the end of the Civil War
- Treated and died of wounds in Alexandria-area hospitals
- Most enlisted from the Deep South, wounded and captured in 1864
- 34 removed to Christ Church after the war
- Stone marker remains there today



Who is buried here?

- Mostly state volunteers
- U.S. Regular Army
- U.S. Colored Troops
- Southern Unionists
- Buffalo Soldiers
- Unknowns
- Army, Navy, Marine Corps

ROLL OF HONOR.

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 10.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
January 27, 1866.

The following roll of names of soldiers, victims of the rebellion, buried in the National Cemetery at Alexandria, Virginia, is published, by authority of the Secretary of War, for the information of their comrades and friends.

M. C. MEIGS;

Quartermaster General, Brevet Major General, U. S. A.

Private Mark Coyle

- Listed in VA's database as Army
- Headstone says "USN"
- "USMC" does not appear on headstones until 1890s.



Present Day

- Closed to new internments
- Home to over 4,500 graves
- National Cemetery Administration
- Overseen by Director of Quantico National Cemetery

