Completed in 2014, the columbarium wall contains 5,832 cremation niches, more than doubling West Point’s capacity to hold and honor in memorial the remains of the deceased.

At the Battle of Gettysburg, despite having received multiple mortal wounds, Alonzo Cushing continued to command the men in his artillery battery until he was shot dead by an enemy sniper.

On August 26, 2014, 151 years after his courageous actions, he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by the President of the United States.

The West Point Cemetery holds within its gates memorials to some of America’s most storied military leaders and historic figures including General Norman Schwarzkopf, Major General Daniel Butterfield, Lieutenant Colonel George Custer, and Margaret Corbin along with other notable heroes, astronauts, and 18 Medal of Honor recipients.
MG Wesley Merritt (USMA 1860):
MG Ethan Allen Hitchcock (USMA 1817):
MG George Goethals (USMA 1880):
MG Robert Anderson (USMA 1825):
LTG Ying-Hsing Wen (USMA 1909):
LTG James Gavin (USMA 1929):
LTG Winfield Scott:
GEN Norman Schwarzkopf, Jr. (USMA 1956):
GEN Bernard Rogers (USMA 1943):
GEN William Westmoreland (USMA 1936):
GEN Alexander "Sandy" Patch (USMA 1913):
GEN Lucius D. Clay (USMA 1918):

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xxxiv-f-218

MG John Buford (USMA 1848): Distinguished and meritorious service at the Battle of Gettysburg. xxvii-a-006

MG Robert Anderson (USMA 1825): Commander of Fort Sumter at the start of the Civil War. The fountain by the cemetery caretaker’s cottage is a memorial to him. xxvii-a-004

MG George Goethals (USMA 1880): Oversaw the construction and the development of New York’s Central Park. xxvii-a-009

MG Ethan Allen Hitchcock (USMA 1817): “Pen of the Army.” A recognized philosopher and published scholar. xxvii-a-007

MG General Sausen Keyes (USMA 1842): Division Commander during the Second Battle of Bull Run; thwarted enemy attempts to take Little Round Top during the Battle of Gettysburg. xxvi-a-001

MG Wesley Merritt (USMA 1860): Distinguished officer during the Civil War and the Spanish-American War. xxii-a-006

MG Daniel Butterfield: Medal of Honor recipient and composer of the bugle call “Taps.” His monument is the most ornate in the cemetery and it documents 38 battles and engagements of his career. xv-d-050

BG Sylvania Thayer (USMA 1808): Fifth West Point Superintendent and known as the “Father of West Point.” xxv-a-022


BG Egbert Viele (USMA 1847): The Chief Engineer who oversaw the development of New York’s Central Park. xxxiv-f-259

COL David “Mickey” Marcus (USMA 1924): Served with distinction during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War, then was recruited to become Israel’s first modern general and was the Commander of Jerusalem. vi-i-125

LTG George Armstrong Custer (USMA 1861): Served as a Brevet Major General during the Civil War, was a distinguished cavalryman up until his “Last Stand” at the Battle of Little Big Horn. xxvii-a-001

LTG Edward White II (USMA 1952): First American to walk in space; died in the tragic capsule fire of Apollo I, after which he was awarded the Congressional Space Medal of Honor in 1997. xviii-g-080

LTL Alonzo Cushing (USMA 1863): Died at the Battle of Gettysburg defending against Pickett’s Charge. For his gallantry and bravery he was given a brevet promotion to Lieutenant Colonel, and in 2014 he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. xxxi-a-007

LT Laura Walker (USMA 2003): First female graduate killed in action. Fell in Afghanistan in 2005. xxxiv-b-060

ENS Dominick Trant: Buried in 1782, his headstone is the oldest grave marker in the cemetery. xxx-h-317

MSGT Martin Mahan: Rose from the ranks of a civilian dishwasher, enlisted and completed a 50-year career at West Point. His story is told in the book “Bringing Up The Brass” and in the movie “The Long Gray Line” (1955). xiii-e-174

Earl "Red" Blais (USMA 1920): Served as USMA Head Football Coach with a 16-6-4-14 record. Led the 1944 and 1945 National Championship teams and coached three Heisman Trophy winners. x-G-131

Susan & Anna Warner: Sisters resided on Constitution Island prior to willing the land to the Academy; Susan wrote the well-known children’s song “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know.” x-G-131

Margaret Corbin: Heroine of the American Revolution. When her husband fell in battle, she took his position at the cannon during the defense of Fort Washington. xi-a-001

Legend:

References:

MG Robert Howe I-A-003
MAJ Moses Harris IV-C-060
MG Albert Mills IV-E-77
MAJ Joseph Sladen IV-B-33
1LT Samuel Courson VII-E-230
LTC Andre Lucas VII-E-160
BG William Wilbur VI-C-148
BG John Heard VIII-B-112
LTG William Benyaurd XIII-A-61

MG George Gillespie XIII-A-059
MG William Beebe XX-A-010
MG Alexander Webb XXI-C-012
BG Eugene Carr XXII-C-023
BG John Wilson XXIII-A-005
MG Daniel Butterfield XV-D-050
MG Bernard Irwin XXVIII-D-035
Edward White XVIII-G-080 (Speaker MOT)
1LT Alonzo Cushing XXVI-A-007

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MAJ Joseph Sladen IV-B-33

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