

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE MEANING BEHIND COINS ON A MEMORIAL MARKER?



While visiting cemeteries, you may come across coins on the memorial markers of military personnel. These coins are typically left by visitors to the grave and have distinct meanings when left on the headstone of a Veteran. Not only are they a token of respect, but it also lets the family know that their loved one's service to their country is recognized and honored.

A Penny – shows that the grave was visited by another soldier as a symbol of respect.

A Nickel – indicates the coin was left by a fellow soldier who served at boot camp with the deceased.

A Dime – signifies the visitor served with them in some capacity.

A Quarter – indicates the visitor was with the Soldier when he or she was killed.

Tradition at some cemeteries is to annually collect any coins left at Veterans graves and use the funds to maintain the cemetery or pay the burial costs for indigent Veterans. At Quincy Memorial Park, our policy has been and will remain, to leave any monetary tokens in place.