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John Philip Sousa



Two or three times a month, a marching band in full dress regalia troops over to the grave of John Philip Sousa and plays a tune or two.

the Air Force and later died of AIDS. Matlovich designed his tombstone, which reads: WHEN I WAS IN THE MILITARY THEY GAVE ME A MEDAL FOR KILLING TWO MEN AND A DISCHARGE FOR LOVING ONE.

Perhaps what's most striking about Matlovich's resting place is the gravestones nearby: They have dates of birth but not of death. These stones are placeholders for men and women young and healthy who want to spend their eternal rest next to their hero.

Also near Matlovich is the grave of Clyde Tolson, J. Edgar Hoover's longtime companion. Tolson's family didn't want him next to Hoover and insisted on a spot 30 yards down the hill from him. Matlovich took the one next to him.

Lieutenant Dan Choi, the outspoken gay serviceman who became the face of the push to end the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, came by early in the morning on Veterans Day last year to pay his respects. He spent the better part of an hour cleaning off Matlovich's grave. Then he went to the White House to get arrested. A month later, "don't ask, don't tell" was on its way to history.

Thirteen Native American tribes have members buried here, more than in any other place in the world.

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