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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

National Cemetery Administration

Tallahassee National Cemetery

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- The National Cemetery Administration has begun accepting burial applications for Tallahassee National Cemetery. While the cemetery is not yet open for burials, those families holding remains of eligible Veterans, their spouse and dependent children can submit a burial request to VA's National Cemetery Scheduling Office (NCSO). The NCSO will determine burial eligibility and the cemetery will contact the family when the cemetery opens later this year to schedule the burial.
- The next of kin or funeral home acting on the family's behalf may request burial at the cemetery. First, send a copy of the military discharge documents to the NCSO by fax at 1-866-900-6417 or email at NCA.Scheduling@va.gov. Next call the NCSO toll free at 1-800-535-1117 to complete application process.
- The new 250-acre cemetery in Tallahassee, Fla., will serve the burial needs of more than 83,000 Veterans in the cemetery's service area for the next 100 years.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) purchased the land in Leon County, with frontage along U.S. Highway 27 (Apalachee Parkway) near March Road and east of Tallahassee, in August 2012 for \$6.8 million. The new cemetery property is bounded by Apalachee Parkway on the north and Old St. Augustine Road on the south.
- The initial phase of construction will provide for 6,000 gravesites and accommodate both casket and cremain interments. In addition to gravesites, the cemetery will include other features such as a front entrance on Apalachee Parkway, an administration building, a maintenance building, a flag pole assembly area, a memorial walkway, committal shelters, and a public information center with electronic gravesite locator and restrooms. Other cemetery infrastructure features will include roads, landscaping, utilities, and irrigation.
- VA awarded a construction contract Sept. 25, 2014 to C&C Contractors and issued a notice to begin construction Oct. 15, 2014. The initial phase of construction is anticipated to provide burial options for 10 years. VA held a public dedication May 22, 2015.

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- Burial in a national cemetery is open to all members of the armed forces and Veterans who have met minimum active duty service requirements and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Their spouse, widow or widower, minor children, and, under certain conditions, unmarried adult children with disabilities, may also be eligible for burial. Eligible spouses and children may be buried even if they predecease the Veteran. Members of the reserve components of the armed forces who die while on active duty or who die while on training duty, or were eligible for retired pay, may also be eligible for burial.
- Burial in a VA national cemetery is a benefit. VA provides the gravesite, opening and closing of the grave, government headstone or marker, U.S. burial flag, Presidential Memorial Certificate, and perpetual care of the gravesite at no cost to the family.
- VA plans to operate a temporary office on the cemetery grounds and will provide cemetery information and news updates as plans progress. For more information about Tallahassee National Cemetery, call the cemetery directly at (850) 402-8941.

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