

FAQ: "MILLENNIUM PROJECT"

GRAFTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) REGARDING THE MILLENNIUM GROUNDS RENOVATION PROJECT

&

YOUR LOVED ONE'S GRAVESITE

WHAT IS THE "MILLENNIUM PROJECT"?

The Grafton National Cemetery is engaged in a Millennium Grounds Renovation Project in which gravesites are being leveled; a headstone support system is being installed; soil tilled to a depth of eight inches; and areas replanted with a new grass that is tolerant to both shade and drought.

WHY IS THIS WORK BEING DONE?

The turf at this national shrine has never been renovated before; this work is aimed at remediating the uneven "washboard" effect that appears in sections. Grave markers will be placed in a headstone support system to prevent changes in alignment and to prevent sinkage and facilitate access for annual cleaning.

WHO IS DOING THE WORK, AND WHEN DO THEY EXPECT TO BE FINISHED?

The work has been contracted out to Team West Contracting Corp, a service-disabled veteran-owned company, and is being carried out under the supervision of West Virginia National Cemetery staff.

The renovation of burial sections can take up to 18 months, depending on such factors as inclement weather, public holidays and unexpected operational interruptions.

IS AN AREA UNDER RENOVATION CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC?

As work commences in a section, that section will have restricted access due to safety concerns and to provide the contractor with access to the excavation area. Visitors can be escorted through these areas by a staff member at the West Virginia National Cemetery.

For assistance please call: **304-265-2044**

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY LOVED ONE'S GRAVESITE WHEN IT IS IN AN AREA BEING RENOVATED?

Your loved one's headstone is never moved from the grave site. On location it will be cleaned with a non-biodegradable product, and carefully placed on the grave site. The new headstone support system is installed as part of the renovation. The grave marker is re-installed at no cost to the next of kin when the renovation of the section is completed.