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**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

National Cemetery Administration

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# Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

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- Cape Canaveral National Cemetery began interments on January 12, 2016. The new 318-acre cemetery located in Mims, Florida, will serve the burial needs of more than 163,000 Veterans in the cemetery's service area for the next 100 years. The cemetery was officially dedicated on November 20, 2015.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) purchased the land for the cemetery in July 2012 for \$2.1 million. The property is located along U.S. Highway 1 in northern Brevard County, approximately two miles south from Interstate 95, Exit #231, and approximately 12 miles north of Titusville, Florida.
- VA awarded a construction contract September 30, 2014 to G&C Fab-Con, LLC. The company completed an early turn-over portion of the west side of the property along U.S. Highway 1 in November 2015, which is used for in-ground casket and cremation interments. This first phase of construction is anticipated to be completed in May 2017 and will provide burial options for 10 years. It will provide for approximately 17,500 gravesites and accommodate both casket and cremation interments. In addition to gravesites and columbaria, the cemetery will include other features such as a front entrance on U.S. Highway 1, a public information center with an electronic gravesite locator and restrooms, an administration building, a maintenance building, a flag pole assembly area, a memorial wall with ossuary and walkway, and committal shelters. Other cemetery infrastructure features will include roads, landscaping, ponds, utilities, and irrigation.
- 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.

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- 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 VA's National Cemetery Scheduling Office (NCSO) by fax at 1-866-900-6417 or email at [NCA.Scheduling@va.gov](mailto:NCA.Scheduling@va.gov). Second, call the NCSO toll free at 1-800-535-1117 to complete the application process.
- The cemetery office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cemetery is open for visitation seven days a week during daylight hours. For questions regarding burial eligibility and application, contact the cemetery staff at (321) 383-2638.
- For more information about VA's National Cemetery Administration, visit online at [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov).

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