

# VA



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

National Cemetery Administration

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## **Pikes Peak National Cemetery**

10545 Drennan Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80925

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- Pikes Peak National Cemetery is a new 374-acre VA national cemetery in the southeast portion of Colorado Springs. The new cemetery will serve the burial needs of more than 95,000 Veterans and their spouses in the cemetery's service area for the next 100 years. This cemetery will be the third Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national cemetery in the state of Colorado.
- There are two other national cemeteries in Colorado: Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver and Fort Lyon National Cemetery in Las Animas. There are also two state-run Veterans cemeteries: Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado in Grand Junction and the Colorado State Veterans Cemetery at Homelake in Monte Vista.
- In January 2014, VA purchased the land, known as the Rolling Hills Ranch, located east of Marksheffel Road, between Bradley and Drennan Roads for \$4.49 million. The property is located in El Paso County.
- The initial phase of construction will develop approximately 65 acres and provide for approximately 13,300 gravesites, accommodating both casketed and cremated remains. In addition to gravesites, the cemetery will include other features such as a front entrance on Drennan Road, an administration building, a maintenance building, an honor guard 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.
- In the spring of 2015, VA awarded AES Group, a service-disabled Veteran-owned small business architecture and engineering firm from Parker, Colorado, a contract to design the cemetery. The design process typically takes between 18 to 24 months to complete. The VA will solicit and award a contract for construction of the cemetery during the summer of 2017.
- The initial phase of the project is anticipated to take about three years to complete.
- Once cemetery construction gets underway, VA will hold a public dedication ceremony. The first burials are expected to begin approximately 12 months after the start of construction.
- Pending any unforeseen circumstances, NCA anticipates first burials to take place in 2018.

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- VA plans to operate a local, off-site cemetery office during construction to provide cemetery information and news updates as plans progress. For more information about Pikes Peak National Cemetery call the Continental District Office at 303-914-5700.
- For more information about VA's National Cemetery Administration, or eligibility, visit: [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov).