Pikes Peak National Cemetery is a new 374-acre Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) national cemetery in the southeast portion of Colorado Springs. The cemetery will serve the burial needs of more than 95,000 Veterans, their spouses and eligible family members in perpetuity. This will be the third national cemetery opened in Colorado.

The other two national cemeteries are Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver and Fort Lyon National Cemetery in Las Animas. The two state-run Veterans cemeteries are 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.

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 VA awarded a contract for construction of the cemetery in October 2017.

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, 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.

Cemetery construction is currently underway and VA will hold a dedication ceremony that will be open to the public in the Spring of 2018. First burials are expected to begin in October 2018. The initial phase of the project is anticipated to be completed in 2019.

Mr. Paul LaGrange was appointed Cemetery Director February 4, 2018. He will operate a local, off-site cemetery office during construction to provide the public information and updates as plans progress. For more information about Pikes Peak National Cemetery, call the National Cemetery Administration Continental District Office at 303-914-5700.

For more information about VA's National Cemetery Administration or eligibility visit www.cem.va.gov.

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