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## **Washington Crossing VA National Cemetery**

## Bucks County, Pennsylvania

- The new 205 acre national cemetery in southeastern Pennsylvania will serve veterans' needs for the next 50 years. The cemetery is located in Bucks County, north of the city of Philadelphia, about three miles northwest of Interstate 95, and less than three miles from Washington Crossing Historic Park.
- In January 2008, VA awarded a design contract to Cairone & Kaupp, Inc. of Philadelphia. VA plans on completing a 12-acre early burial area with temporary facilities (Phase 1A) followed by the second construction stage of the project (Phase 1B). When completed, the 64-acre Phase 1 development will provide 15,500 full casket gravesites, including 13,500 pre-placed crypts, and 6,500 in-ground cremation sites and 4,100 columbarium niches. The new cemetery will also include an administration and public information center complex and public restrooms, a maintenance facility, a cemetery entrance area, a flag assembly area, and committal shelters for funeral services. Other infrastructure design elements include roadways, landscaping, utilities, and irrigation.
- VA anticipates burials to begin in 2009. The new cemetery will serve approximately 170,000
  veterans who are not currently served by a nearby national or state veterans cemetery. The
  state's other VA cemeteries are Philadelphia National Cemetery, Indiantown Gap National
  Cemetery and National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.
- For more information, call the Memorial Service Network Office at (215) 381-3787. To make burial arrangements call (800) 535-1117.
- More information about VA's National Cemetery Administration is available on its website, www.cem.va.gov.