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## **Alabama National Cemetery**

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• The new 479-acre national cemetery in the Birmingham area will serve veterans' needs for at least the next 50 years. The cemetery is located at 3133 Highway 119, 15 miles south of Birmingham, just north of the town of Montevallo and west of Interstate Highway 65.

• In July 2007, the Department of Veterans Affairs purchased the site for approximately \$8 million and awarded a contract in September 2007 to Civil Consultants, Inc. to design the new cemetery.

• Construction of Phase I consists of approximately 45 acres, and includes facilities necessary to maintain, operate, and provide burials for approximately ten years. When this phase of construction is complete the interment areas will provide for 7,395 full-casket gravesites, 999 in-ground cremation sites and approximately 2,700 columbarium niches. The new cemetery will also include an administration and public information center complex with an electronic gravesite locator and public restrooms, a maintenance facility, a cemetery entrance area, a flag assembly area, a memorial walkway and two committal shelters for funeral services. Other infrastructure design elements include roadways, landscaping, utilities and irrigation.

• This new cemetery will serve approximately 200,000 veterans in the region and will be the third national cemetery in Alabama. The state's other national cemeteries are Fort Mitchell in Seale, Ala., and Mobile.

• For more information, call the cemetery at (205) 665-9039 or toll-free (866) 547-5078.

• More information about VA's National Cemetery Administration is available on its website, www.cem.va.gov.