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Jacksonville National Cemetery

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- The new 526-acre national cemetery in Jacksonville, Florida will serve veterans' needs for more than 100 years. The cemetery is located north of the Jacksonville International Airport and approximately five miles from Interstate 295.
- In August 2007, VA awarded a design contract to England, Thims & Miller of Jacksonville. The initial Phase 1A construction efforts, focusing on a 20-acre early burial area with temporary facilities, will be followed by the second construction stage of the project (Phase 1B). When completed, the 52-acre Phase 1 development will provide 8,145 full casket gravesites, including 7,300 pre-placed crypts, 5,100 in-ground cremation sites and 4,992 columbarium niches. Phase 1 will include roadways, an entrance area, an administration and public information center, a maintenance complex, a flag assembly area, a memorial walkway, two committal service shelters, as well as interment areas. Other infrastructure improvements will include grading, drainage, fencing, landscaping, irrigation system and utilities.
- VA anticipates burials to begin in January 2009. This new cemetery will serve approximately 189,000 veterans in the northeastern Florida region. Once the new national cemeteries in Jacksonville and Sarasota are open, there will be seven VA cemeteries in Florida, including Barrancas, St. Augustine, Florida, South Florida and Bay Pines.
- For more information, call the cemetery staff at (904) 358-3510. 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.