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Bakersfield National Cemetery Patriotic Quote Chosen

BAKERSFIELD – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today the results of a request for a patriotic quote to be displayed at the new Bakersfield National Cemetery, located along East Bear Mountain Boulevard (SR 223) in Arvin. Wesley Jones, cemetery director, asked area residents for submissions and invited the public to vote on three quotes selected from those submitted.

Interest in voting was high and resulted in well over 1,000 ballots cast. Voting was completed on March 31, 2009.

The winning quote, “A Place of Honor, For Those Who Served With Honor,” received 649 votes and was submitted by John Medvigy, a resident in the Bakersfield area.

“Watching Over Our Nation’s Heroes” received 256 votes and “We Remember Them” received 143 votes.

“We plan to display the quote in a temporary fashion when we open,” Jones said. “It will be permanently displayed in a prominent location during the next phase of construction.”

Construction on the Bakersfield National Cemetery began in December 2008 on 500 acres of land donated by the Tejon Ranch. Burials are planned for the summer of 2009.

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Initial construction will prepare a 20-acre burial area to ensure that Veteran burials can take place before all of the Phase I facilities are completed. When completed, the cemetery will accommodate Veterans and their eligible family members well into the next century.

Information on VA burial benefits can be obtained from national cemetery offices, from the Internet at <http://www.cem.va.gov> or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 1-800-827-1000. Information about the Bakersfield National Cemetery is available by calling the cemetery at (661) 632-1894. To make burial arrangements at the time of need, call the national cemetery scheduling office at (800) 535-1117.

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