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Sarasota National Cemetery

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- The new 295-acre national cemetery in the Sarasota area will serve veterans' needs for the next 50 years. The cemetery is located in Sarasota County along State Route 72 and approximately four miles east of Interstate 75.
- Interments at Sarasota National Cemetery began January 9, 2009. It is the seventh national cemetery in Florida. Florida's other six national cemeteries are: Barrancas, St. Augustine, Florida, South Florida, Jacksonville and Bay Pines.
- Construction of Phase I, which will consist of nearly 60-acres, will include 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 nearly 18,200 full casket gravesites, including 15,200 pre-placed crypts, 500 in-ground cremains and approximately 7,000 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 and a memorial walkway and a donations area, as well as two committal shelters that will use energy-saving solar panels. Other infrastructure design elements include roadways, landscaping, utilities, and irrigation.
- For more information, call the cemetery staff toll-free at (877) 861-9840 or locally at (941) 922-7200. Fax number is (941) 922-3457 or (941) 922-7889. To make burial arrangements, contact the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at (800) 535-1117.
- More information about VA's National Cemetery Administration is available on its website, www.cem.va.gov.