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Omaha National Cemetery Director to Host Public Meetings

OMAHA, Neb. – Cindy Van Bibber, director of the Omaha National Cemetery, will host cemetery orientation briefings November 20th at the Bellevue University Military Veterans Services Center (MVSC – Building 13) located at 2108 Harvell Circle, Bellevue.

The briefings, open to the public, will take place from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and then again at 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Additionally, Van Bibber will be available at 9 a.m. to answer questions for those who are not able to attend the two briefings.

The briefings will include information about the construction and proposed opening date as well as eligibility requirements and the benefits that are included with an interment at a national cemetery.

The initial phase of construction will develop approximately 35 acres, providing about 5,000 gravesites and accommodating both casketed and cremated remains. VA expects to begin interments in Fall of 2016.

In addition to gravesites, the cemetery will include other features such as a front entrance on Schram Road, an administration building, a maintenance building, an honor guard building, a flagpole assembly area, a memorial walkway, committal shelters and a public information center with an electronic gravesite locator and restrooms. Other cemetery infrastructure features will include roads, landscaping, utilities and irrigation.

The 236-acre cemetery, located in Sarpy County, will serve the burial needs of the more than 112,000 Veterans residing in the cemetery's service area for the next 100 years.

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Fort McPherson National Cemetery in Maxwell, located 160 miles away, is the only other open VA national cemetery in the state. There are two state-run Veterans cemeteries in Nebraska: the Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at Alliance and the Nebraska Veterans Home Cemetery in Grand Island.

VA operates 132 national cemeteries, one national Veterans burial ground and 33 soldiers' lots and monument sites in 40 states and Puerto Rico. More than four million Americans, including Veterans of every war and conflict, are buried in VA's national cemeteries. VA also provides funding to establish, expand, improve, and maintain 95 Veterans cemeteries in 47 states and territories including tribal trust lands, Guam, and Saipan. For Veterans not buried in a VA national cemetery, VA provides headstones, markers or medallions to commemorate their service. In 2014, VA honored more than 356,000 Veterans and their loved ones with memorial benefits in national, state, tribal and private cemeteries.

Information on VA burial benefits can be obtained from local national cemetery offices, from the Internet at www.cem.va.gov, or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 800-827-1000. To make burial arrangements at any open VA national cemetery at the time of need, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117.

For more information about Omaha National Cemetery visit <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/docs/factsheets/omaha.pdf>. To speak to the director or to set up a meeting or presentation, call the cemetery office at (402) 413-9121.

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