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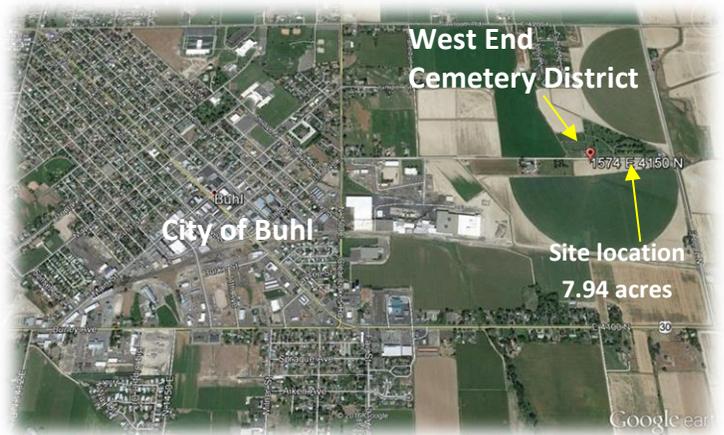
Rural Initiative Fact Sheet

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New National Cemetery in Twin Falls

The Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration is developing a new national cemetery in the Twin Falls area. The property was purchased in September of 2016.

The land for this new cemetery is located at 1585 East, 4150 North, Buhl, Idaho, which is 14 miles west of Twin Falls, Idaho. The new cemetery will serve more than 14,000 Veterans, their spouses and eligible family members located within the vicinity of Twin Falls, Idaho.

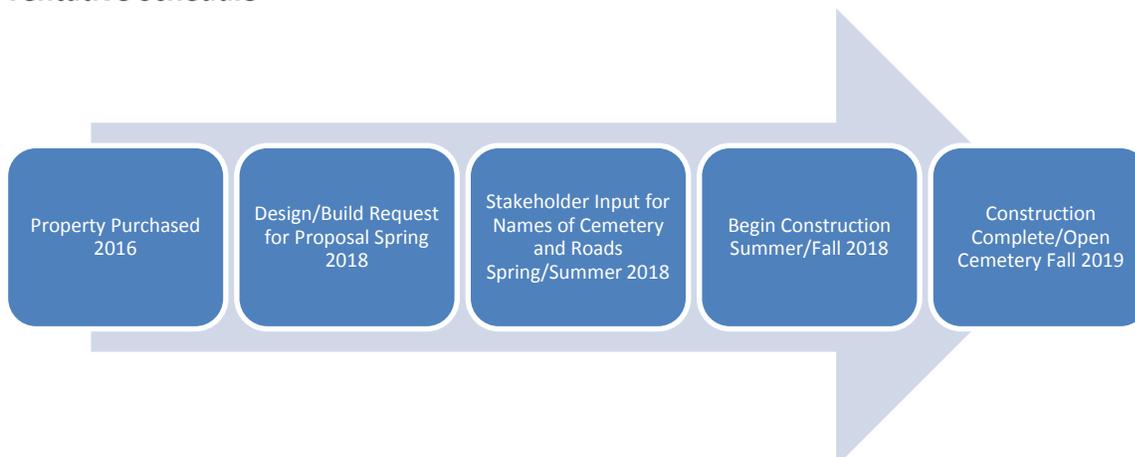


The new cemetery will become the first VA national cemetery in the state. Idaho State Veterans Cemetery is located 129 miles away and is open to new interments.

The new cemetery is a part of the National Cemetery Administration Rural Initiative program. The initiative's primary goal is to build small national cemeteries in states without an open national cemetery. Of the 22 million Veterans nationwide, 5.3 million live in rural communities. Between fiscal years 2006-2014, there was a 7 percent increase in VA-enrollment by Veterans who reside in rural areas.

VA will construct in-ground casket and cremation burial sites, above-ground columbarium niches, a memorial wall, flagpoles, a memorial walkway, roads and other infrastructure.

Tentative Schedule



About NCA

Burial in a VA national cemetery is open to all members of the armed forces and Veterans who have met minimum active duty service requirements, as applicable, and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Members of the reserve components of the armed forces who die while on active duty or who die while on training duty under certain circumstances are also eligible for burial, as are servicemembers and former servicemembers who were eligible for retired pay at the time of their death.

A Veteran's spouse, minor children, and, under certain conditions, unmarried adult children with disabilities, may also be eligible for burial, even if they predecease the Veteran.

VA provides the gravesite, grave liner, opening and closing of the grave, government headstone or marker, U.S. burial flag, Presidential Memorial Certificate and perpetual care of the gravesite at no cost to the family.

The VA now provides eligibility determinations for burials in a VA national cemetery prior to the time of need. Pre-Need eligibility determinations assist Veterans and families in making burial plans ahead-of-time and help VA beneficiaries use the benefits they have earned. Additional information about the VA Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility Program is available on the VA website at <http://www.cem.va.gov/preneed>.

VA operates 135 national cemeteries and 33 soldiers' lots and monument sites in 40 states and Puerto Rico. Almost 4 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 105 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. Information on VA burial benefits is available from local VA national cemetery offices, online 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.