

Fact Sheet

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California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery

Overview

- The California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (CCCVC) is operated by the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet).
- The cemetery is located at 2900 Parker Flats Road in Seaside (Monterey County), on the former Fort Ord Army Base.
- CCCVC is CalVet's third Veterans Cemetery, joining our Northern California Veterans Cemetery in Igo and our Yountville Veterans Cemetery near Napa.

Development

- The CCCVC is being developed in phases on a scenic 78-acre property.
- Phase I of construction broke ground in March 2015 and the cemetery will open for interments on October 11, 2016.
- Phase I includes an administration building, maintenance building, maintenance yard, a committal service shelter, and 15 columbaria with 5,000 niches. Future development of the cemetery will include in-ground burial options.
- The cost for Phase I was \$9.4 million, including \$6.8 million from the U.S.
 Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA), \$2 million from the State of California, and \$615,000 in local donations.
- Those interested in making donations to support the cemetery's current and future needs should contact Daniel Fahey, Assistant Deputy Secretary at CalVet, at daniel.fahey@calvet.ca.gov or 916-653-2101.

Applications

- 100,000 veterans and their families live in Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Santa Clara counties, which are expected to comprise the majority of Veterans who find their final rest at CCCVC. However, the cemetery serves all eligible Veterans and family members.
- As of September 2016, Calvet has approved applications for nearly 1,000 Veterans and 700 dependents to be interred at CCCVC. Of these veterans and dependents, 380 are deceased.
- The nearly 1,000 Veterans approved for interment at CCCVC include Veterans of nearly every major conflict from the Spanish American War to the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Many Veterans served at Fort Ord or other military installations in the Monterey area.

Eligibility

- CalVet determines eligibility for burial at CCCVC based on standards established by USDVA for National Veterans Cemeteries.
- There is no charge for interment of an eligible Veteran, but there is a fee for placement of a spouse or eligible child at CCCVC.
- Families who want to determine eligibility for Veterans and their dependents may complete the Eligibility Determination Form at: www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/State-Veterans-Cemeteries.aspx

National Veteran Cemeteries

- There are nine National Veterans Cemeteries in California; five are currently open for burials.
- For more information, visit the National Cemetery Administration at http://www.cem.va.gov/.

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