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1,000th Interment at State Veterans Cemetery in Radcliff

Milestone Reached 28 Months After Opening

(RADCLIFF, October 5, 2009) Today, Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central performed its 1,000th interment since opening June 1, 2007.

“We are deeply honored that these veterans and their families have chosen a Kentucky state veterans cemetery for their final resting place,” said Ken Lucas, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA.) “All of us at KDVA are proud that we are able to provide our veterans with such a sacred place of honor and dignity.”

The 1,000th interment is World War II veteran Seaman 1st Class John H. Kemp (US Navy) of Louisville, Kentucky. He joins 848 veterans, including two active-duty service members, and 151 dependents at the cemetery. Seaman 1st Class Kemp is survived by his daughter Keva Gardner.

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (KVCC) mainly serves veterans from a 75-mile radius of the cemetery, including parts of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. KVCC also serves Active Duty soldiers and their dependents serving at nearby Fort Knox.

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central is located on 99 acres at 2501 N. Dixie Highway in Radcliff, adjacent to Fort Knox. Construction included a 3,600-square-foot administration building, a 4,400-square-foot maintenance building with service area, a committal facility and a columbarium. It also has appropriate parking, road network, walking path and landscaping commensurate with the dignity and honor of a state veterans cemetery.

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central is Kentucky's second state veterans cemetery. Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West opened in Hopkinsville in March 2004. Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North, in Williamstown, opened August 22, 2008. KDVA broke ground on Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Northeast in Greenup County September 18.

For more information about interment at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, including eligibility and services, call the cemetery at 270-351-5115 or 270-351-5119.