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100th Interment at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North in Williamstown

Third state veterans cemetery opened in August

(WILLIAMSTOWN, May 28, 2009) Tomorrow morning, the wife of a Kentucky veteran of the U.S. Navy will become the 100th person interred at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North.

Nora Edna Simpson, wife of ATC (Ret) Albert T. Simpson, joins 88 veterans, including one active-duty service member killed in Afghanistan, and 11 other dependents at the cemetery, which opened August 22, 2008.

“We are honored to provide a final resting place of honor and dignity for veterans and their families,” said Ken Lucas, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA.)

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North (KVCN) mainly serves veterans from a 75-mile radius of the cemetery, including parts of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana.

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North is Kentucky's third state veterans cemetery. Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West opened in Hopkinsville in March 2004. Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, in Radcliff, opened June 1, 2007. KDVA is currently planning the design and construction of Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East in Greenup County.

For more information about interment at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North, including eligibility and services, call the cemetery at 859-823-0720..

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North is located on 99 acres off I-75 at mile marker one hundred fifty-four (154) in Williamstown. Phase One construction includes a 3,600-square-foot administration building, a 4,400-square-foot maintenance building with service area, 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.

Construction and initial equipment for KVCN cost \$8.2 million. The Grant County Industrial Authority donated the land. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs reimbursed the state for construction, and the state pays the operating costs.