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# 800<sup>th</sup> Interment at State Veterans Cemetery in Radcliff

## *Milestone Reached 22 Months After Opening*

(RADCLIFF, April 20, 2009) Today, Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central performed its 800th 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 Jeff Acob, Staff Assistant for Cemeteries at 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 800th interment is of Captain Alexander Lawrence Alpers of Louisville, who served during World War II and Korea. He joined 682 veterans, including three active-duty service members, and 117 dependents at the cemetery.

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 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 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 Central, including eligibility and services, call the cemetery at 270-351-5115 or 270-351-5119.

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.

Construction and initial equipment for KVCC cost approximately \$8.95 million. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs reimbursed the state for construction, and the state pays the operating costs.