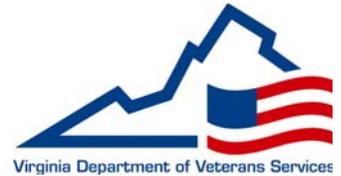


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State veterans cemeteries to host open house on Veterans Day

RICHMOND—Virginia's two state-operated veterans cemeteries will hold open houses on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 in honor of Veterans Day. The cemeteries are located in Amelia and Suffolk.

On November 10, Boy Scout Troop 30 will place flags on each grave at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery, located at 5310 Milners Road in Suffolk. The Bethlehem Ruritan Club will assist and provide the flags. Cemetery staff will welcome visitors from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Veterans Day and help friends and family find the graves of their loved ones.

At the Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Amelia, located at 10300 Pridesville Road, the Christian Motorcycle Association and cemetery staff will place flags on all grave sites. Weather permitting, 75 American flags will be erected along the cemetery's perimeter road, creating the Avenue of Flags. Staff will welcome visitors from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Veterans Day and help friends and family find the graves of their loved ones.

Military service members and veterans can file pre-applications for future burial in the cemeteries. Veterans who were honorably discharged qualify for burial in one of Virginia's veterans cemeteries. A grave site, opening and closing of the grave, a marker, and perpetual care of the site are provided to the veteran at no charge. Veterans' spouses and eligible dependent children may be interred for a small fee, currently \$300.

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Visit www.virginiaforveterans.com for more information about Virginia's veterans cemeteries as well as other benefits available to veterans and their family members.

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Quick Facts about Virginia's Veterans Cemeteries

Albert G. Horton Memorial Veterans Cemetery

5310 Milners Road
Suffolk, VA
757-255-7217

Acreage: 74
Capacity: 35,456 sites (casketed gravesites, in-ground cremation sites, and columbarium niches)
First burial: December 13, 2004

Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Amelia

10300 Pridesville Road
Amelia, VA 232002

Acreage: 127
Capacity: 57,324 sites (casketed gravesites, in-ground cremation sites, and columbarium niches)
First burial: June 18, 1997