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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>2009</b>		
<b>Aug</b>		<b>NO MEETING</b>
Sept	13	Nomination & Election of Officers
OCT	11	Installation of Officers - AMVETS Post 1 - 5 PM
Nov.	8	LINC MO Veterans Day Services 2 PM
Dec	12	Wreaths across America - Placing of wreaths. ALL INVITED TO Participate.

bereavement and when they return to visit the gravesite, & that the cemetery's entire appearance is maintained in a manner befitting a national shrine.

Veterans service organizations are key stakeholders and partners in the VA mission. These organizations act as a voice for Veterans and their families, and as advocates for their needs and expectations. At many national cemeteries, they are important partners in providing support for military funeral honors.

State governments, usually operating through their Veterans Affairs Departments, play an increasingly important role in providing service to Veterans and their families. By establishing and operating state Veterans cemeteries as a complement to VA national cemeteries, they provide burial options for Veterans and their families.

Funeral directors are another significant stakeholder group. These professionals are often the spokespersons for the Veteran or next of kin and are also directly involved in the delivery of VA services through the coordination of committal services and interments. Funeral directors may also assist families in applying for headstones and markers.



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**PRESIDENTS REPORT  
 Chet Smiley, President**

I hope that everyone is having a great summer vacation!

This is just a reminder that nominations and election of Officers for the 2009-2010 LINC MO year will be made at the next meeting held on Sunday September 13th. Also mark your calendars and order your tickets early for Sunday, October 11th for the Installation of Officers at the AMVETS Post from 1-5PM.

At our September meeting we will be discussing some ideas presented to the Board on improvements to the Memorial Garden. Come on out and lend us your support and ideas.

Veterans Day is approaching fast and I hope that all the member organizations will participate with their Color Guards and some members. The Public has been attending in growing numbers and we should present a good showing of Veterans Organizations that care. **If we don't care ... WHO WILL !**

**The V.A. Mission**

VA honors Veterans with final resting places in national shrines and with lasting tributes that commemorate their service to our Nation.

**Stakeholders**

The stakeholders of VA's burial programs are varied and diverse. Our primary stakeholders are those who are the direct beneficiaries of VA burial benefits:

Veterans and their families. Veterans service organizations and professionals in the funeral and mortuary industry are also noteworthy stakeholders.

Various components of the Department of Defense (DoD) and members of active duty and reserve forces comprise yet another significant stakeholder group. In addition, members of a number of environmental groups, historical and genealogical societies, as well as the general public must be included.

The inclusion of families takes into account the significance of next of kin, since not only eligible Veterans but also their eligible family members may receive burial benefits. It is important that these Veterans, widows, widowers, and other family members are treated with compassion and dignity at the time of their (Cont on back page)

## Cypress Hills National Cemetery

625 Jamaica Avenue  
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**Burial Space:** Cypress Hills National Cemetery is closed to new interments

**Acreeage:** 18.2

**Number of Interments  
Thru Fiscal Year 2008:** 21,112

The Long Island National Cemetery manages this cemetery.

### Burial Space

Cypress Hills National Cemetery is closed to new interments. The only interments that are being accepted are subsequent interments for veterans or eligible family members in an existing gravesite. Periodically however, burial space may become available due to a canceled reservation or when a disinterment has been completed. When either of these two scenarios occurs, the gravesite is made available to another eligible veteran on a first-come, first-served basis.

Since there is no way to know in advance when a gravesite may become available, please contact the cemetery at the time of need to inquire whether space is available.

Despite the early optimism of both the Union and Confederacy, by summer 1862, it was increasingly evident that the Civil War would be both long and costly. It was also apparent that additional burial grounds would be needed to accommodate the growing number of Union soldiers who died from battle injuries and disease.

While New York City and its outskirts were outside the area of military conflict, numerous hospitals were set up here to care for wounded Union troops. Cypress Hills began as a zone of the Interior Military Cemetery and was located within the boundaries of the large and private Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn. Almost three acres were set aside for the burial of Civil War dead in what became known as Union Grounds. In 1870, the Cypress Hills Cemetery Corporation deeded the property to the United States for a consideration of \$9,600. An inspection report of September 1870 indicates that 3,170 Union soldiers and 461 Confederate POWs were already buried there. Most of the interments came from military hospitals in the area. There were also a number of reinterments from cemeteries on Long Island Sound and in Rhode Island.

Prior to 1873, eligibility for burial in a national cemetery was restricted to U.S. soldiers who died as a result of injury or disease during the Civil War. In 1873, however, Congress approved legislation extending burial rights to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and Marines who served during the war.

To accommodate the growing number of burials requested at Cypress Hills, more than 15 acres were purchased in 1884. In addition, in 1941, a small tract within the old Cypress Hills Cemetery, known as the Mount of Victory Plot, was donated by the State of New York. Today the cemetery consists of three parcels totaling a little over 18 acres: the Union grounds, a larger area on Jamaica Avenue, and the Mount of Victory. Although Cypress Hills was established to honor Civil War veterans, its grounds include the graves of soldiers who fought in the American Revolution, Spanish-American War, Korean and Vietnam wars. Cypress Hills National Cemetery was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1997.

### Monuments and Memorials

The 12-foot granite French Cross monument was erected in memory of 25 French sailors who died while on duty in American waters during World War I. Of the sailors who died, 22 are buried in the cemetery and three were returned to France for burial.

The granite and bronze Second Division American Expeditionary Forces monument was erected near the cemetery's rostrum.

The Eagle Monument was erected by laborers at Cypress Hill Cemetery about 1934. The stone eagle, with wings spread wide, was placed atop a stone pyramid erected by the

Londino Construction Company, Bronx, N.Y., that same year.

The Ringgold Monument is a large obelisk that was erected by officers and soldiers who served under the command of Colonel Benjamin Ringgold.

The large, granite, British Navy Monument was erected in 1939 in memory of some British Revolutionary War soldiers whose remains were discovered in the 20th century and re-interred at Cypress Hills National Cemetery in 1909.

The 1881 Garfield memorial marks the former location of a commemorative oak tree that was planted in honor of President James A. Garfield, after he was assassinated. The James A. Garfield Oak Society, composed mostly of Germans residing in Eastern Brooklyn, sponsored the memorial tree.

There are 25 Medal of Honor Recipients interred at Cypress Hills Three of which received two Medals of Honor each.

8	Navy Recipients
13	Army “
4	Marime “

### **Visitation Hours:**

Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.