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## Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary-designee Kolar Statement on Naming of National Veterans Cemetery

MADISON — Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Secretary-designee Mary Kolar congratulated the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on their selection of the name “Northwoods National Cemetery” for a national veterans cemetery that is currently under construction in Wisconsin.

“In Wisconsin, we take pride in providing a proper send off and dignified resting place for our nation’s veterans,” Secretary Kolar said. “The Northwoods Veterans Cemetery will provide veterans’ families in the northeastern part of the state a distinguished place that honors their loved one’s service to our country.”

According to the VA, it purchased the property at 4520 Lakewood Road, Harshaw, Wisconsin for \$24,712 on Sept. 24, 2015. The cemetery will serve more than 38,000 veterans, their spouses and eligible children within a 75-mile radius of nearby Rhinelander. When completed, Phase I will offer more than 3,380 casket and cremation spaces to accommodate burials for the next 10 years. The cemetery will provide casket burials, in-ground cremation burials, columbarium niches for cremation burials, and a memorial wall.

The WDVA administers three state cemeteries: Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery located in King, Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Spooner, and Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove. The closest state administered cemetery is the Central Wisconsin Veterans Cemetery which is located 114 miles from Harshaw.

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