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Improvement Project Underway at Prescott National Cemetery

What: Improvement Project at Prescott National Cemetery

When: Now – April 2019

Where: Prescott National Cemetery

Background: The construction project at Prescott National Cemetery (PNC) began in Nov. 2017 and is anticipated to be completed by April 2019, adding an additional 3,536 columbarium niche spaces. “The expansion projects are result of the National Cemetery Administration plan for future growth of the cemetery,” said Jerry Rainey, director of National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona and PNC.

Unfortunately, the project is taking longer than we expected because of site grading, soils issues, and weather-related delays. We expect the project to be completed by April 2019. Based on our current inurnment rate, we are projected to run out of columbarium niches by the end of this month or early December 2018. PNC columbarium inurnment rate is approximately 272 annually. The new columbarium niches will extend inurnment availability until 2029.

“We regret any inconvenience this may cause families. We are committed to do our best in accommodating Veterans and their loved ones’ requests while we expand our future burial availability,” said Rainey.

Prescott National Cemetery will continue to schedule and conduct services for Veterans and families that wish to inter subsequent family members in the same gravesite or niche of previously interred family members. The facility is open for visitation from dawn to dusk and the cemetery will continue holding committal services while under construction.

If you have any questions please contact, Rebekah Durocher, Cemetery Technician at Prescott National Cemetery at 928-717-7569 or Jerry Rainey, Cemetery Director at 480-513-3600.

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