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Ceremonial Land Transfer to VA for Bakersfield National Cemetery

- What:** A ceremony symbolically transferring 500 acres of land from the Tejon Ranch to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Who:** Bakersfield National Cemetery Director Wesley Jones; President and CEO of the Tejon Ranch Robert A. Stein and other senior executives; and Congressman Kevin McCarthy.
- When:** Friday, November 7, at 10 a.m.
- Where:** The site of the Bakersfield National Cemetery
30338 East Bear Mountain Boulevard
Arvin, Calif.
- Directions:** From Bakersfield: Traveling south on SR 99 toward Los Angeles, exit onto Bakersfield-Tehachapi Highway (SR 58) east toward Tehachapi Mojave and travel approximately 22 miles. Turn right onto SR 223, East Bear Mountain Blvd., and go approximately 0.2 miles. The cemetery will be on your right.
- Background:** The Tejon Ranch donated 500 acres located southeast of Bakersfield to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for the new Bakersfield National Cemetery. Construction is scheduled to begin later this year with burials beginning in the spring of 2009.
- A public groundbreaking and dedication ceremony is scheduled for December 7 at 2 p.m. The Bakersfield National Cemetery will be one of six new national cemeteries to be opened by VA in 2008-2009. It is expected to accommodate burials for veterans and their families well into the next century.
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