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\$3.3 Million Grant Will Fund Completion of Second State Veterans' Cemetery

WAKEENEY - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that the Kansas Commission of Veterans' Affairs has received a \$3.3 million grant for the construction of the state's second veterans' cemetery. The Department of Veterans Affairs approved the grant on Tuesday.

"With nearly ten percent of our state's population comprised of veterans, we need to do all we can to honor the brave men and women who served," Moran said. "The people of the Wakeeney area have worked hard to see that this cemetery is built and that we properly honor our veterans by laying them to rest here at home."

The cemetery will cover more than 24 acres near Wakeeney and will be open to Kansas veterans and their spouses. The groundbreaking for the project was September 11th of last year.

This will be the second state veterans= cemetery in Kansas. The first opened in Ft. Dodge, last year. There are two national veterans= cemeteries in Leavenworth and Fort Scott. Two more state veterans= cemeteries are being planned for Kansas in Winfield and Fort Riley.

Congressman Moran is a member of the Veterans= Affairs Committee and is the Vice-Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health.

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