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JUNCTION CITY - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has awarded a second and final grant to the State of Kansas to be used for completing construction of the Fort Riley State Veterans Cemetery.

"It is good to see all of the pieces in place for construction of the Fort Riley State Veterans Cemetery," Moran said. "Once complete, it will provide honorable burial space for thousands of Kansas veterans."

Throughout the last two years, Moran has had meetings and conversations with VA leaders about the importance of funding the Fort Riley State Veterans Cemetery. At Moran's request, the VA provided the initial grant in November so groundbreaking and construction could begin. This funding completes the total award amount. The cemetery will be located west of the Manhattan Regional Airport on 90 acres donated by Fort Riley and will include space for about 10,000 burial sites. This will be the fourth state veterans cemetery in Kansas. The state veterans cemeteries provide space for burial for those who have served a term of active duty and been honorably discharged from the military, reserves or National Guard, as well as their dependents. The cemeteries are state-operated, and design and construction costs are paid for by the VA.

Moran is a senior member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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