



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Calverton National Cemetery**  
**210 Princeton Boulevard**  
**Calverton, NY 11933**

On September 29, 2009, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinsecki announced that more than \$32 million has been awarded for a gravesite expansion and site improvement project at Calverton National Cemetery.

This new project will develop approximately 89 acres and includes approximately 33,000 pre-placed crypts, 4,800 columbarium niches, and 1,000 in-ground cremation interment sites. The project is scheduled for completion in fall 2011.

The cemetery serves approximately 800,000 Veterans in the New York City metropolitan area, conducting more than 6,600 interments in 2008. Since its dedication in 1978, Calverton is the final resting place for over 214,000 veterans and their eligible dependents. This project will provide an estimated additional ten years of burial capacity. After the completion of this project, there is additional undeveloped land available for future expansion of Calverton National Cemetery which will remain open and active for interments until the year 2050.

A ground breaking ceremony for this graveside expansion is planned for Monday, October 19, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Please join the staff of Calverton National Cemetery, Congressman Tim Bishop and other dignitaries for this notable event which reaffirms the VA's commitment to our Veterans.

For further information, please contact the cemetery staff at (631) 727-5410. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Picerno  
Director