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Media Advisory

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Groundbreaking Set for State Veterans Cemetery in SE MN

WHAT : The media and the public are invited to the ceremonial groundbreaking for the new State Veterans Cemetery in southeastern Minnesota at 11 a.m. Nov. 8. The 169-acre site was donated by Fillmore County and the City of Preston, and is located just off Highway 52 in Preston, Minn.

The 169-acre site was donated by Fillmore County and is located just off Highway 52 in Preston, Minn. In October the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs received a \$10 million construction grant from the Federal Cemetery Administration for this project. Olympic Builders General Contractors, Inc. has been awarded the construction grant. Design work has been led by Stantec, an engineering and design firm in St. Paul. Phase 1 will develop approximately 28 acres and include a main entrance, cortege assembly area, administration building, maintenance facility, roads, assembly area, committal shelter, pre-placed crypts, cremation burial areas, columbarium, landscaping and a memorial walk. The cemetery is scheduled to open in 2015.

Note: Because access to the site is limited and undeveloped, we are asking attendees to wear sturdy footwear and meet at the Fillmore County Recycling Center, 727 Hwy 52, Preston, Minnesota, starting at 10 a.m. for transportation to the site.

WHO: Confirmed Speakers and Program Participants:

- Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner Larry Shellito
- Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Steve Muro, US Dept Veterans Affairs
- U.S. Representative Tim Walz
- County Commissioner Chuck Amunrud
- MN Military Funeral Honors Team

WHEN: **Correction - Shuttle Service begins at 10 a.m.**
Friday, November 8
10 a.m. - Shuttle Service to the site begins
11 a.m. - Program

WHERE: Shuttle will run from the nearby Fillmore County Recycling Center, 727 Hwy 52, Preston, Minn.

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs is a cabinet level state agency dedicated to serving Minnesota Veterans and their families. In addition to overseeing the five State Veterans Homes, MDVA helps eligible Veterans and families secure state and federal benefits and provides programs and services relating to higher education, benefits, burial, claims, outreach and Veterans employment. For more information visit MinnesotaVeteran.org or call 1-(888)-LinkVet

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