

Department of Veterans Affairs
National Cemetery Administration
Black Hills National Cemetery Complex Statistics & Basics

1. Black Hills NC opened in 1948 and is 105.9 acres total with about 4.5 acres undeveloped at this time
 - a. Responsible for maintenance of Fort Meade & Hot Springs NC's
 - b. The BLM, Senate & Congressional Leaders are working hard to finalize a 190 acre land transfer to the Cemetery
2. As of 31 Aug 16: 27,203 burials; 20,567 casketed and 6,636 cremations (in-ground & columbaria) (20,257 headstones)
3. Average 5-13 burials a day with 13 being max and approximately 70 per month. Services from 9:00am – 3:00pm every 30 min, Mon – Fri
4. Current Interment areas:
 - a. Pre-placed Vaults – double depth (2 caskets top/bottom)
 - b. In-Ground Cremation – 5x5 site (side by side)
 - c. Columbaria – above ground wall niche (fits 2 or more cremation depending on urn size)
 - d. Traditional Vaults – not pre-placed, private vaults, fits oversize caskets and multiples (3 or more)
 - e. Memorial Headstone Section – unrecoverable remains, scattered ashes, donated to science
5. Space Availability: (based on current land as of 31 August 2016)
 - a. Casket – project availability until approx. 2040
 - b. Cremation -- project availability until approx. 2023
 - c. Columbaria – project availability until approx. 2031
6. Recent Events:
 - a. Completed in ground cremation Section “R” adding 1,022 sites
 - b. Graded/leveled cremation Section “P” completing 80 sites
 - c. Working Headstone raise/realignment in Section “J”

d. Completed/opened Traditional Section “N” with 506 sites

7. Upcoming Events:

- a. Turf renovation projects in five sections
- b. Tree trimming & canopy raising projects
- c. BLM addition and initial planning for land usage
- d. Router and Ethernet Upgrade from VA and AT&T

The National Cemetery Administration honors veterans with final resting places in national shrines and with lasting tributes that commemorate their service to our nation.

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