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## **STATE REQUESTS INPUT FROM VETERANS AND THE COMMUNITY REGARDING STATE VETERANS CEMETERY MASTER PLAN**

(ROCKY HILL, CT) – Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Commissioner Thomas Saadi announced today that the DVA is preparing a State Veterans Cemetery Master Plan to assess the demand for burial at the State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown and to address the future burial needs of our State's veterans. Close to 700 burials occur at the Cemetery every year, and it is estimated to be at capacity in less than 15 years.

The DVA, with support from Governor Dannel P. Malloy and Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, request input from veterans, community members and the public to contribute their thoughts and concerns for the future development of the State Veterans Cemetery by completing a survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTVetsCemetery>.

Commissioner Saadi said, "Having a comprehensive Cemetery Master Plan ensures the DVA will continue its commitment of 'Serving Those Who Served' with honor and dignity in a place befitting their sacrifices to our state and nation. This Plan, and the vital input from veterans and the community, will allow those who served the opportunity to choose the State Veterans Cemetery for their final resting place for many years to come."

Governor Malloy said, "Developing a Plan now will enable the state to seamlessly continue providing these important services to our veterans who've provided so much in service to our country."

Lt. Governor Wyman said, "Our hope is to provide veterans of Connecticut with additional services for their final resting place. A Cemetery Master Plan will not only benefit our veterans but help veterans' friends and family members pay respect for their lives and service."

The survey will be available online until October 15, 2018.

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