

## Wisconsin Awarded \$3.2 Million for Veterans Memorial Cemetery Expansion

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***Money from U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to expand the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove.***

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers, together with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA), announced Wednesday that Wisconsin will receive \$3,293,695 from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to expand the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove.



“Ensuring our veterans have an honorable and dignified resting place is important to commemorating their service and sacrifice,” said Gov. Evers. “This grant is an important investment to ensure loved ones and future generations can continue honoring the memories of Wisconsin veterans.”

The grant will provide 3,500 columbarium niches, which hold cremated remains, as well as landscaping and supporting infrastructure on approximately two acres of land. These improvements will help ensure adequate resources for future burial needs.

“The Wisconsin veterans cemeteries provide a beautiful and dignified final resting place for those who have served and their loved ones,” said WDVA Secretary Mary Kolar. “It’s so important we continually improve and maintain these treasured places for future generations.”

The Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery is in Union Grove, adjacent to the Wisconsin Veterans Home and the Southern Wisconsin Center. This cemetery is currently the fourth busiest state veterans cemetery in the United States and territories, averaging 1,300 to

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1,500 services annually.

The WDVA operates three veterans memorial cemeteries located in King, Spooner, and Union Grove. Veterans, spouses, and children may be eligible for burial or memorialization at Wisconsin's veterans cemeteries. To determine eligibility, visit [www.MyWisVets.com](http://www.MyWisVets.com).