



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
Jacksonville National Cemetery  
4083 Lannie Road  
Jacksonville, Florida 32218**

**PRESS RELEASE: *The week of October 28, 2019***

**GROUND-BREAKING FOR NEW NORTH JACKSONVILLE PARKWAY CEREMONY  
TO BE HELD FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2019 AT 10:30 AM**

*Special Event to be held at the intersection of Lannie Road and Ethel Road, adjacent to the entrance to the Cemetery.*

The Staff of and our Cemetery Support Committee (“*Support Committee*”) at the Jacksonville National Cemetery are pleased that the Florida Department of Transportation (“*FDOT*”) have announced that after nine years of planning, funding and other activities conducted by various federal, state and local governmental officials and their respective agencies, as well as by a number of veterans and civic organizations, including the Support Committee along with Rotary International, that construction is to take place for the new 3.4-mile two-lane parkway which will lead into our hallowed grounds at the national cemetery (“*Parkway*”). This North Jacksonville Parkway connects Lannie Road, at the Ethel Road intersection, and Arnold Road. The \$12.8 million road system will be maintained by the City of Jacksonville and is expected to be completed during the Fall 2021, weather-and-schedule permitting. It has been designed to significantly improve transportation options from Interstate 95 for the multitude of motorists continuously seeking access to / from when attending funerals and the other numerous events held at our cemetery honoring US military veterans.

We certainly take great pride in being able to support one of the most military-friendly Veterans’ regions in the entire United States, if not, the friendliest. Our cemetery honors and remembers all veterans and their families, especially the Gold Star Families whose beloved soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines gave their lives in the in the line-of-duty defending our great country so that we can live ours. Accordingly, this Parkway is being constructed to accommodate the families and the friends of our fallen heroes.

**PROGRAM**

**Opening Introduction-** Steve Spickelmier, Chairman- Support Committee

**Master of Ceremonies-** Ray Quinn, Support Committee

**Invocation-** Chaplain Pat Archuleta, Support Committee

**Pledge of Allegiance-** Dale Moe, President, Rotary Club North Jacksonville

**Welcome Remarks-**Alphaeus L. Richburg, Director of The Jacksonville and St. Augustine National Cemeteries

**Overview of Parkway Project-** Padraic E. “Pat” Mulvihill, President Elect, Rotary Club of North Jacksonville

**Ground- Breaking Ceremony-** Ray Quinn, Support Committee

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