Sarasota VA National Cemetery Sarasota, Florida

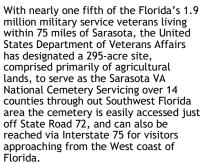
United States Department of Veteran's Affairs





Client:

Total Cost: \$75,000,000



The master planning determined the phasing needed for the build out of the entire 295-acre property with each phase providing approximately ten years of burial space. Phase I covered approximately 60 acres of the site and was constructed in two parts" Phase IA included various temporary buildings and some burial areas. Phase IB included the construction of the permanent buildings and additional burial areas for the remainder.

Phase I design elements included a public information/administrative building of 4,583 square foot, a maintenance building of 7,117 square foot, three committal shelters each at 870 square foot, a main entrance/assembly area, a full-casket grave sites with pre-placed crypts, columbarium, cremain sites, roadways, irrigation, storm water management, and landscaping.

The architectural movement known as South Florida's "Classic Cracker" inspired the overall design. This style is commonly characterized by its use of metallic roofing, wood finishes, large open porch areas, and simple construction. The proposed design would develop the airy and light classic cracker aesthetic while supplying an underlying hurricane ready support system.



