



## Department of Veterans Affairs

**Black Hills National Cemetery**  
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## **News Release**

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### **New Director of Black Hills National Cemetery Announced**

**STURGIS, S.D.** – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced the selection of Mr. William T. Haggerty, Jr. as Director of Black Hills National Cemetery on July 3, 2011. As director he is responsible for all burial, maintenance and administrative operations at the cemetery as well as at Fort Meade National Cemetery in Sturgis and Hot Springs National Cemetery in Hot Springs, S.D. Prior to accepting this position, Mr. Haggerty was the director of the Fort Smith National Cemetery in Arkansas from November 2010.

In April 2009, Mr. Haggerty graduated from the comprehensive year-long Cemetery Director Intern Program at the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) National Training Center in St. Louis, Mo. He then spent six months assisting the director at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis while awaiting his assignment to Fort Smith National Cemetery.

Prior to joining the National Cemetery Administration, Mr. Haggerty spent five years with the American Battle Monuments Commission, where he served as Assistant Superintendent at the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, the Netherlands. In this position, he became proficient in all aspects of operating an overseas military cemetery including horticulture, facility management and maintenance, public affairs and administration.

Before entering the Federal Service, Mr. Haggerty spent 22 years in the telecommunications industry, primarily in training and development positions where he served as Training Manager, Professional Development Program Manager and Instructor/Developer. He also worked as an independent business consultant.

A native of New York, Mr. Haggerty earned a Bachelor's Degree in French from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and an MBA in International Management from the Thunderbird School of Global Management in Glendale, Ariz. He served in the U.S. Army's Berlin Brigade from 1972-1974.

Mr. Haggerty and his wife, Mary, have four children.

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