

VETERANS CEMETERY EXPERIENCE



THE LA GROUP, Landscape Architecture and Engineering, P.C., is a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) recognized as one of the nation's preeminent veterans cemetery design firms. With a continuous 29-year history working with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the firm has developed an extensive knowledge base of VA guidelines and design requirements for national and state veterans cemeteries. The LA Group has worked on 140+ cemetery projects at 76 veteran cemeteries located in 36 states. The firm has designed over a half-million pre-placed crypt gravesites and nearly a half-million columbarium niches. In addition, the firm has completed numerous IDIQ/peer review projects for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

FIRM CAPABILITIES

The LA Group has established an in-house studio of professionals who are committed full-time to county, state and national veterans cemetery projects. Each member has many years of experience and extensive knowledge of VA guidelines and standards of the industry. The firm's philosophy is to provide a high level of quality, accommodate client needs, seek input and opinion, and be responsive to deadlines. The LA Group understands that respecting the honor and dignity of our nation's veterans is paramount in developing each cemetery design.

Professional staff includes landscape architects, civil engineers, planners, and environmental scientists. The diversity of in-house staff disciplines allows The LA Group to provide a comprehensive approach to land planning issues, based on an in-depth level of resource analysis.

The LA Group offers expertise in the following services within NAICS codes #541320 Landscape Architecture, #541330 Engineering, and #541620 Environmental Consulting:

- Cemetery Design and Planning
- Site Analysis
- Master Planning
- Landscape Architecture
- Civil Engineering (grading, roadway design, stormwater, and utility design)
- Schematic Design through Construction Administration
- Signage Systems and Wayfinding
- Peer Reviews
- RFP Document Preparation
- Environmental NEPA Compliance (EAs, FONSI, and wetland delineation)
- VA Standards Expertise
- Facility Conditions Assessments

VA INDEFINITE DELIVERY INDEFINITE CONTRACT (IDIQ) EXPERIENCE

For more than 26 years, The LA Group has acted as both prime A/E and subconsultant on 36 VA IDIQ contracts. The LA Group has been a prime A/E as part of a joint venture on four nationwide CFM A/E IDIQ contracts (1997-2016), two NCA district A/E IDIQs (North Atlantic and Midwest, 2018-2023), and currently four NCA district A/E IDIQs (North Atlantic, Pacific, Continental and Southeast, 2023-present). In addition, The LA Group has been or is currently a subconsultant on eight CFM Nationwide A/E IDIQ Contracts (2023-present), two NCA district A/E IDIQs (Southeast and Continental, 2018-2023), a CFM A/E IDIQ (2017-2022), a CFM Construction Management IDIQ (active), and numerous other VA Healthcare VISN IDIQ contracts. Through these contracts in all geographical regions, The LA Group has gained extensive NCA, VHA and VBA project experience.

Active VA IDIQ Contracts:

- NCA AE IDIQ North Atlantic District (JV Prime)
- NCA AE IDIQ Pacific District (JV Prime)
- NCA AE IDIQ Southeast District (JV Prime)
- NCA AE IDIQ Continental District (JV Prime)
- CFM National Region IDIQ (Subconsultant, 8 teams)
- CFM Construction Management IDIQ (Subconsultant)
- VISN 8 AE MATOC (Subconsultant, 4 teams)
- VISN 19 AE IDIQ (Subconsultant)
- VISN 21 Design AE IDIQ (Subconsultant, 2 teams)
- VISN 21 Master Planning/Study AE IDIQ (Subconsultant, 2 teams)

FIRM PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS

The LA Group provides Registered Landscape Architects (RLAs) and licensed Professional Engineers (PEs):

States Registered
AL, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, KY, MA, MD, MI, MN, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TX, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL AND STATE VETERANS CEMETERY EXPERIENCE

The LA Group has extensive veterans cemetery planning, design and construction administration experience. Our firm has received Honor Awards from the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) for its design of the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Washington Crossing National Cemetery and Alabama National Cemetery. The US Department of Veterans Affairs has used these national cemeteries as examples of excellent national cemetery design.



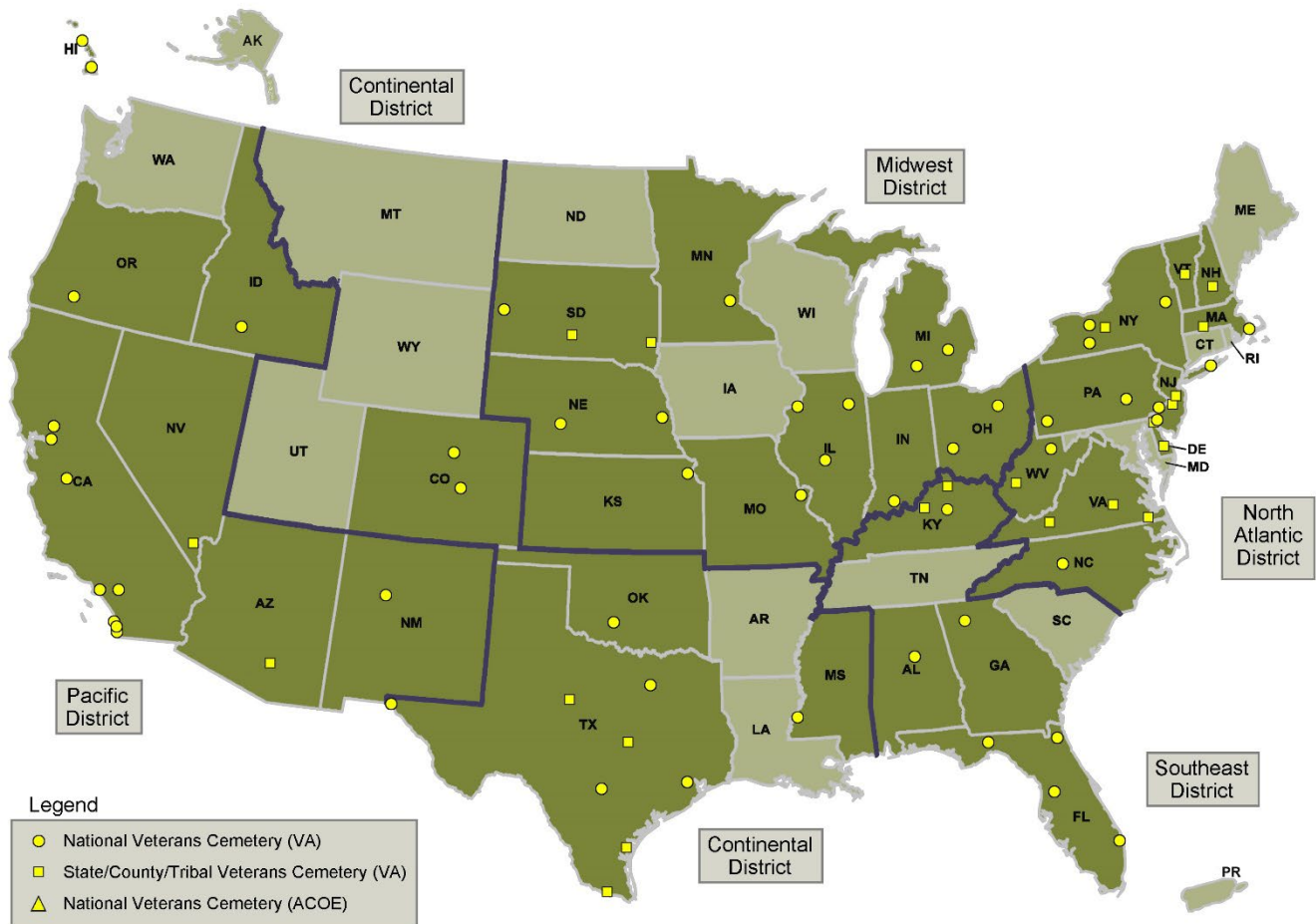
Western New York National Cemetery
Pembroke, NY



Washington Crossing National Cemetery
Newtown, PA

Services for the firm's veterans cemetery projects have included site analysis, programming, master plan services, coordination with the VA, design development, and construction documentation through construction administration. Maintaining a dedicated veterans cemetery design studio has enabled The LA Group to be at the forefront of cemetery design, construction techniques, and operational issues. Various design elements are consistently woven into the day-to-day function and mission of the individual cemetery. New concepts have evolved in many cases as a result of frequent meetings and exchanges between The LA Group and cemetery program officials at the VA.

Of particular importance regarding projects with the Department of Veterans Affairs is the firm's ability to mobilize quickly on short notice and completing this work on or ahead of schedule. The LA Group can respond quickly because the firm's government studio has a ready staff of professionals who have a continuing body of VA work that is of the highest priority.



The LA Group has worked on numerous national cemetery VA IDIQ task orders throughout the country as well as stand-alone state and national veterans cemetery projects in each National Cemetery Administration District. To date, the firm has designed 11 new national cemeteries, 12 new state/tribal veterans cemeteries and more than 100 veterans cemetery expansions.

National Veterans Cemeteries
Alabama National Cemetery, Montevallo, AL (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation)
Albuquerque National Cemetery, Albuquerque, NM (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation)
Arlington National Cemetery, VA (ACOE)
Bath National Cemetery, NY
Black Hills National Cemetery Design-Build, Sturgis, SD
Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, NY
Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, IL (2 expansion projects)
Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Nicholasville, KY
Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery, TX (Phase 2, and 2 expansion projects)
Dayton National Cemetery, OH (2 expansion projects)
Finn's Point National Cemetery, Salem, NJ
Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL (2 expansion projects)
Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, TX
Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, MI
Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, CO
Fort McPherson National Cemetery, Maxwell, NE
Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, OK (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation and 1 expansion project)
Fort Snelling National Cemetery, St. Paul, MN
Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA
Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Saratoga Springs, NY (Master Plan/Phase 1 and 3 expansion projects)
Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly Township (Detroit), MI (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation and 2 expansion projects)
Houston National Cemetery, TX (3 expansion projects)
Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA (3 expansion projects)
Jacksonville National Cemetery, Jacksonville, FL
Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO (2 expansion projects)
Los Angeles National Cemetery, CA
Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, MA (3 expansion projects)
National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville, PA (3 expansion projects)
Natchez National Cemetery, Natchez, MS (2 expansion projects)
Omaha National Cemetery, Omaha, NE (Master Plan/Phase 1 Bridging Documents)
Pikes Peak National Cemetery, Colorado Springs, CO (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation)
Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, CA
Rock Island National Cemetery, IL (2 expansion projects)
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, CA
Salisbury National Cemetery, NC (2 expansion projects)
San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, Santa Nella, CA
Snake River Canyon National Cemetery, Buhl, ID (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation)
South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth, FL
Tallahassee National Cemetery, Tallahassee, FL
Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Newtown, PA (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation and 2 expansion projects)
West Virginia National Cemetery, Grafton, WV
Western New York National Cemetery, Pembroke, NY (Master Plan/Phase 1A and 1B Implementation, and 1C expansion)



Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery,
Town of Saratoga, NY (North Atlantic District)



Pikes Peak National Cemetery, Colorado Springs, CO
(Continental District)

State/County/Tribal Veterans Cemeteries
Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery, Suffolk, VA (Master Plan Update and 3 expansion projects)
Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Marana, AZ (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation)
Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown, NJ (Masterplan and 6 expansion/improvement projects)
Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, Killeen, TX (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation and 2 expansion projects)
Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery at Corpus Christi, TX (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation and 2 expansion projects)
Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Bear, DE
Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Millsboro, DE
Donel Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, Charleston, WV (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation)
Gloucester County Veterans Cemetery, Monroe Township, NJ (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation)
Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, Radcliffe, KY (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation)
Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North, Williamstown, KY (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation)
Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Agawam, MA (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation)
New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen, NH (3 expansion projects)
Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery, Mission, TX (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation and 3 expansion projects)
Sampson Memorial Veterans Cemetery, Seneca County, Romulus, NY
Sicangu Akicita Owicahé Rosebud Sioux Tribal Veterans Cemetery, Mellette County, SD (Master Plan/Ph. 1 Implementation)
South Dakota State Veterans Cemetery, Sioux Falls, SD (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation)
Southern Nevada State Veterans Cemetery, Boulder City, NV
Southwest Virginia State Veterans Cemetery, Dublin, VA (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation and 1 expansion project)
Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene, TX (Master Plan/Phase 1 Implementation and 2 expansion projects)
Vermont Veterans Cemetery, Randolph Center, VT (Master Plan Update and 1 expansion project)
Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia, VA (2 expansion projects)



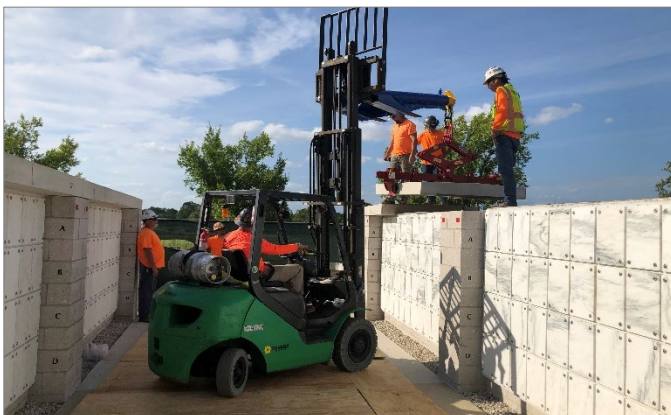
Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown, NJ



Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery at Corpus Christi, TX

NATIONWIDE DESIGN-BUILD EXPERIENCE

The LA Group has extensive experience using the design-build delivery method. Taking a proactive approach to design-build promotes greater communication between all team members and project stakeholders.



Jacksonville National Cemetery Phase 2, Jacksonville, FL



Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, IL

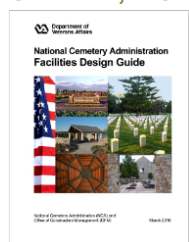
VA PEER REVIEW EXPERIENCE

The LA Group has performed numerous timely and effective quality peer reviews for a variety of clients including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs under the IDIQ (Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity) contracts. In addition to construction document and specifications review, services provided include review of NEPA environmental assessments, cost estimates, and facilities conditions assessments.

National Cemetery Peer Reviews:

- Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Expansion 95% CD Peer Review, Elwood, IL
- Eagle Point National Cemetery Expansion 95% CD Peer Review, Medford, OR
- Florida National Cemetery Expansion 95% CD Peer Review, Bushnell, FL
- Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery Design/Build RFP Peer Review, San Diego, CA
- Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery Expansion RFP Peer Review, San Antonio, TX
- Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery Expansion DD Peer Reviews, St. Louis, MO
- Leavenworth National Cemetery Expansion 95% CD Peer Review, KS
- Miramar National Cemetery Expansion 95% CD Peer Review, San Diego, CA
- National Cemetery of the Pacific 95% CD Peer Review, Honolulu, HI
- Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery Phase II Expansion CD1/Backcheck Peer Review, Rittman, OH
- Omaha National Cemetery Design Build DD2/CD1/Backcheck Peer Review, Omaha, NE

UPDATE, MODIFY AND CREATE NEW VA STANDARDS



The LA Group led a team of consultants to update the NCA's (National Cemetery Administration) Facility Design Criteria and Master Specifications. This year-long process involved the Office of Construction and Facilities Management and the NCA's staff, as well as MSN regional offices and resident engineer staff. The finished product provides the users of the Technical Information Library clearly coordinated design guidelines and new master specifications tailored to NCA cemetery projects. The update was the first major revision completed since the '90s and reflected current changes to the standards and guidelines in a comprehensive manner.

NATIONAL CEMETERY AWARDS

Honor Award, General Design (2012)

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), PA/DE Chapter

Washington Crossing National Cemetery: A New Paradigm for Our Nation's Sacred Landscapes (with Cairone & Kaupp, Inc.), Newtown, PA

Engineering Excellence Grand Award (2012)

American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), MO Chapter

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery Phase 1A – Early Turnover (with URS), St. Louis, MO

VA Sustainability Achievement Award (2011)

Massachusetts National Cemetery (MNC): Reclaimed Water Use from the Air Force Engineering and Environmental (AFCEE)/Otis Air National Guard Base (ANGB) Groundwater Filtration System for Cemetery Irrigation Use (with MNC director Paul McFarland). Bourne, MA

Federal Energy and Water Management (FEWM) Award (2011)

Massachusetts National Cemetery (MNC): Reclaimed Water Use from the Air Force Engineering and Environmental (AFCEE)/Otis Air National Guard Base (ANGB) Groundwater Filtration System for Cemetery Irrigation Use (with MNC director Paul McFarland and colleagues Rose Forbes, civil engineer, and Mark Ivory, project manager). Bourne, MA

Honor Award, Analysis & Planning (2010)

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Alabama Chapter

Alabama National Cemetery (with Macnally Ross Land Design), Montevallo, AL

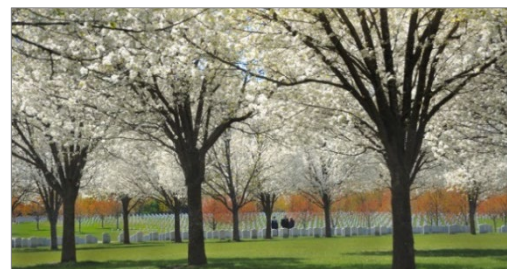
Honor Award (2001)

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), NY Upstate Chapter

Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Saratoga, NY



ASLA Honor Award
Washington Crossing National Cemetery
Newtown, PA



ASLA Honor Award
Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery
Town of Saratoga, NY

KEY STAFF

The LA Group's staff includes landscape architects, civil engineers, and environmental planners that provide support on multiple task orders. Key staff are noted below:

Joseph G. Sporko, RLA, ASLA **Co-Founder, Strategic Advisor**

As the firm's Founder, Joe has over 44 years of experience in all phases of site design and implementation. He has extensive experience and knowledge of the Department of Veterans Affairs guidelines and standards of the industry. Since 1994, Mr. Sporko has guided the firm's projects with the Department of Veterans Affairs, staying actively involved in each phase of the project from conceptual design through construction administration. Mr. Sporko has led large teams of consultants on both individual projects and multi-year IDIQ contracts with the VA and other federal agencies.

Darrell L. Meehl, RLA, ASLA **Principal / Director of Government Client Services**

Darrell has over 39 years of experience in site design, landscape architecture and project management. As Director of Government Client Services, he oversees all the firm's national cemetery projects as well as the firm's dedicated veterans cemetery design studio. Having worked with the Department of Veterans Affairs since 1994, he has extensive knowledge of the VA's guidelines and standards, performed numerous peer reviews on national cemeteries, and serves as project manager of many VA national cemetery IDIQ Task Orders.

Douglas B. Heller, PE **Director of Engineer / Associate Principal**

Doug has over 15 years of experience as a civil engineer as well as quality control expert for national cemetery projects. As the senior project engineer at The LA Group, Mr. Heller has served on a broad range of projects and has demonstrated expertise in infrastructure design, stormwater management, land development planning, streambank stabilization, and on-site wastewater treatment and disposal facilities. He has worked on many of the VA IDIQ task orders including peer reviews and performed construction administration on many national cemetery projects.

Gregory S. Fowler, PE **Senior Project Engineer** **Full Honors Air Force, Vietnam War Veteran**

Greg has over 49 years of experience as a civil engineer as well as a quality control expert for national cemetery projects. As the senior project engineer at The LA Group, Mr. Fowler has been responsible for the engineering utility systems for projects, is responsible for specification preparation and performs construction administration.

Lisa Tonneson-McCorkell, RLA, LEED AP, SITES AP **Associate Principal**

Lisa has 37 years of experience in all phases of site design and master planning. She is a LEED Accredited Professional, and has the expertise required to assist with the design of sites to LEED standards and to coordinate the documentation process that is necessary for LEED certification. Her work on the VA's Sustainable Design Checklist manual (through an IDIQ task order) has become the standard process for sustainable site efforts on VA design projects. She also specializes in historic landscape restoration for national and state veterans cemeteries.

Jonathan D. Bonham, RLA **Associate Principal**

Jon brings over 18 years of experience in all phases of site design and landscape architecture with a strong focus on the design of national and state veterans cemeteries. Jon has provided design services and managed many of the LA Group's National Cemetery projects, including all facets of the design process including programming, schematic design, construction documents, design development, bidding and negotiation and construction administration. He has extensive knowledge of the CFM and NCA guidelines and standards as well as construction methods utilized for national cemeteries.

Jonathan S. Stilan, RLA **Associate Landscape Architect**

Jon has over 17 years of experience as a landscape architect, master planner and project manager. He has extensive experience in cemetery master planning and the production of construction drawings for cemetery specific elements. He has also served in a construction administrator for the LA Group during construction of many national and state veteran cemetery projects.

Katelyn M. Koury, RLA **Landscape Architect**

Katelyn has over 15 years of experience as a landscape architect and project manager. Over the past four years she has worked exclusively on national cemetery projects, gaining extensive knowledge of national cemetery design standards, guidelines, and specifications, with emphasis on columbarium, pre-placed crypts, and signage.

Julia E. Mead, RLA **Landscape Architect**

Julia has over 9 years of experience as a landscape architect. In addition, she has taken on a project manager role on numerous national cemetery projects. Since beginning with The LA Group in 2015, Ms. Brophy has gained extensive design and construction knowledge working exclusively on the design of national and state veteran cemetery projects. In addition, she has a strong horticulture background, as well as extensive experience in graphic design and 3-D design studies.

Kevin J. Franke, Environmental Specialist **Director of Environmental Services** **Senior Associate**

Kevin has over 35 years of experience conducting environmental analysis and studies nationwide. He brings a broad range of knowledge in all facets of municipal, County, State, and Federal environmental permitting. Kevin has experience with NEPA documentation and federal permitting for federal projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs and National Park Service. He has extensive knowledge of the CFM and NCA guidelines and standards as well as permitting requirements for national cemeteries.