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(S.D.)-Tribal Veteran's Cemetery To Be Built On Pine Ridge Reservation



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PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) - The Oglala Sioux Tribe has announced that the Department of Veterans Affairs has approved the creation of a new tribal veteran's cemetery on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The tribe in a news release says the Department of Veterans Affairs is awarding a \$6.5 million grant for the cemetery, which will be located on 63 acres of land about 8 miles east of Kyle.

The grant money will go toward establishing a cemetery entrance, roads, administration building, memorial walkway and burial areas. The construction will include 260 pre-placed crypts and 40 gravesites.

Veterans, their spouses and children will be allowed to be buried at the cemetery.

The tribe will bless the land during a ceremony on Wednesday. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Oct. 4.