



FACT SHEET

- Located on 162 acres on eastern shore of Seneca Lake in the Finger Lakes Region of Upstate New York
- Final resting place for veterans and eligible dependents
- Located on site of former Sampson Naval Training Station and Sampson Air Force Base, one of the most historically significant military sites in the Finger Lakes Region, having served more than 1 million servicemen and women
- In World War II, more than 5,000 Navy personnel operated and maintained the Station, and more than 411,000 Naval Recruits were trained there
- Toward the end of the war, the site served as a Separation Center, discharging more than 65,000 service members.
- After the war, the Station was used as a temporary college for 15,000 veterans who attended classes under the GI Bill
- Sampson College operated from September 1946 to June 1949 and matriculated 7,500 students
- During the Korean War, more than 330,000 airmen received their basic military training at Sampson AFB
- Approximately 2,000 acres of the former military site were set aside to establish Sampson State Park
- Efforts to establish the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery on acreage just south of the state park followed
- Numerous area veterans helped New York State Sen. Michael Nozzolio secure \$3.3 million in state funds to establish and construct the Cemetery
- Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery was officially dedicated in July 2011.
- First committal service and burial took place on Sept. 26, 2011

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