



## **REGIONAL NATIONAL CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION**

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### **FACT SHEET**

**INTRODUCTION** - This Fact Sheet is intended to clarify the objectives and position of the Regional National Cemetery Improvement Corporation (RNCIC) in connection with the Fayetteville Sales Barn re-zoning issue.

**BACKGROUND** - The RNCIC was established in 1984 for the sole purpose of securing additional land, adjacent to the Fayetteville National Cemetery, for the purpose of expansion of the Cemetery. The RNCIC is incorporated as a non-profit organization (501c3). The RNCIC has historically planned for, and remains committed to the acquisition of additional land along Hill Street, contiguous to the boundaries of the existing National Cemetery. The RNCIC has purchased, by private donations 17 properties, which have been turned over to the Veterans Administration (VA). These earlier properties have increased the Fayetteville National Cemetery more than 100%. The RNCIC currently owns 2 lots on Hill Street and plans to purchase additional properties as soon as funds are available. As soon as the properties are cleared and made ready for transfer, they will be offered to VA. The RNCIC has historically planned for, and remains committed to the acquisition of land along Hill Street, contiguous with the existing National Cemetery lands.

The RNCIC has been involved with the 'sale barn' issue in the following respects:

- We have expressed concern with the proposed apartment construction project and the National Cemetery in terms of excessive noise and traffic.
- After the RNCIC sponsored one meeting with several veterans and some neighborhood residents, it was determined the goals of RNCIC were vastly different from the others regarding possible acquisition of the Sale barn. At that time the RNCIC severed all connections with the other groups.

**CURRENT STATUS** - Considering the estimated multi-million dollar purchase price for the Sales Barn properties, the RNCIC has determined that purchase of that property by the RNCIC would not be feasible, unless we received several large donations from the private sector, or specific Federal Government land purchases. None of these options appear promising at this time.

#### **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN** -

- Continue to solicit donations from the private sector for targeted Hill Street properties.
- Continue to apply for grants from the foundations, the Federal Government, and private donations for land purchase to expand the Fayetteville National Cemetery.

**CONCLUSION** - The RNCIC remains receptive to any and all donations, grants and/or Federal Government land purchases for the Fayetteville National Cemetery, however, at this time, the current priority remains the Hill Street properties.

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