

J.M. Wilkerson Construction Co., Inc. was the general contractor for the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA.

This project is located on 277 acres in Cherokee County, west of Canton, Georgia. The first phase of construction called for the development of 135 acres of the property. The construction of over 13,000 feet of roadway and infrastructure. The construction of a 1,900 sq. ft. visitors center, 2,600 sq. ft. administration building and 8,700 sq. ft. maintenance facility. Additional structural steel committal services buildings, public information and assembly areas for ceremonies were included. More than 29,000 full casket gravesites, a 3,000 unit columbarium and 3,000 burial sites for cremation remains. JMW also constructed a 240 foot long bridge where all substructure and superstructure concrete was self-performed. Additionally, JMW performed the installation of piling and the erection of precast beams. The Georgia National Cemetery is among the largest national veterans cemeteries in the country, and it was completed a year ahead of schedule.

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**Start Date**

January 2005

**Completion Date**

December 2006

**Contract Amount**

\$31.1 Million

**Awards**

2007 First Place Build GA Award from the Georgia Branch, Associated General Contractors (AGC)

