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National Cemetery Administration**

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Presidential Memorial Certificates

A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is a gold-embossed paper certificate bearing the official signature of the President of the United States. It honors the memory of a deceased honorably discharged Veteran and expresses the country's grateful recognition of his or her service in the Armed Forces.

HISTORY

This program was initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and has been continued by each subsequent President.

ADMINISTRATION

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers the PMC program through the National Cemetery Administration.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible recipients include the deceased Veteran's next of kin, relatives and friends, or an authorized service representative acting on their behalf.

REQUESTS

A copy of the deceased Veteran's military discharge document along with a copy of the death certificate must be provided when requesting a PMC. Eligible recipients may request a PMC in person at any VA Regional Office, by U.S. mail or by toll-free fax.

A request form is available on the National Cemetery Administration website, www.cem.va.gov.

By Mail:
Presidential Memorial Certificates (41A1C)
5109 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134-3903

By Toll-Free Fax:
(800) 455-7143

To check on the status of a request that is more than 16 weeks old, call (202) 565-4259.

