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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 inscribed with the veteran's name that bears the President's signature. It honors the memory of honorably discharged deceased veterans.

HISTORY

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

ADMINISTRATION

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

ELIGIBILITY

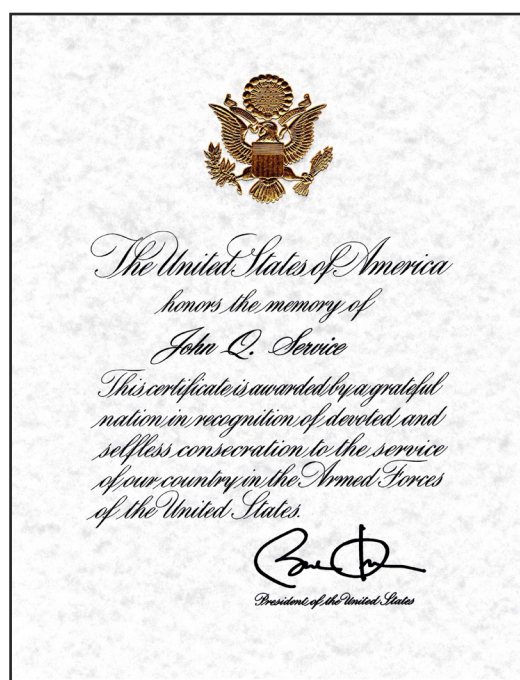
Eligible recipients include the deceased veteran's next of kin and loved ones.

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, or someone acting on their behalf, 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) 565-4964.