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## VA launches Veterans Legacy Memorial to honor deceased Veterans online

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), National Cemetery Administration (NCA) launched the <u>Veterans Legacy Memorial</u> (VLM), Aug. 14, the country's first digital platform dedicated entirely to the preservation of the memory of the 3.7 million Veterans interred in VA national cemeteries.

Each Veteran will have their own memorial page on the VLM, a secure, web-based platform that creates a perpetual memorial extending beyond the physical border of the national cemetery.

"Veterans Legacy Memorial ensures "no Veteran ever dies" by honoring the legacy of our nation's Veterans, not just in our cemeteries, but in a new and innovative digital setting," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "It enhances the onsite national cemetery experience and extends the experience to those who otherwise are unable to physically visit the cemetery."

NCA, in conjunction with <u>VA's Office of Information and Technology</u>, built the architecture for the site starting with the information contained on every Veteran's headstone.

In the initial rollout, the public will be able to search the site for Veterans, find out where they are buried and read the basic details of their lives and service. Future capabilities may be expanded to allow families, survivors, fellow Veterans and others to add historic photos and share memories to a deceased Veteran's memorial page. Such capabilities will include provisions that allows NCA to manage the site in a manner that maintains the same level of decorum our customers experience in our national cemeteries.

For more information about the Veterans Legacy Memorial, visit <a href="https://www.va.gov/remember.">https://www.va.gov/remember.</a> or contact Dr. Bryce Carpenter, Veterans Legacy Program Manager, at bryce.carpenter@va.gov.

Have questions about Veterans Legacy Memorial? Find what you're looking for at VLM FAQ.