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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](http://www.cem.va.gov).

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