

# VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

National Cemetery Administration

## 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

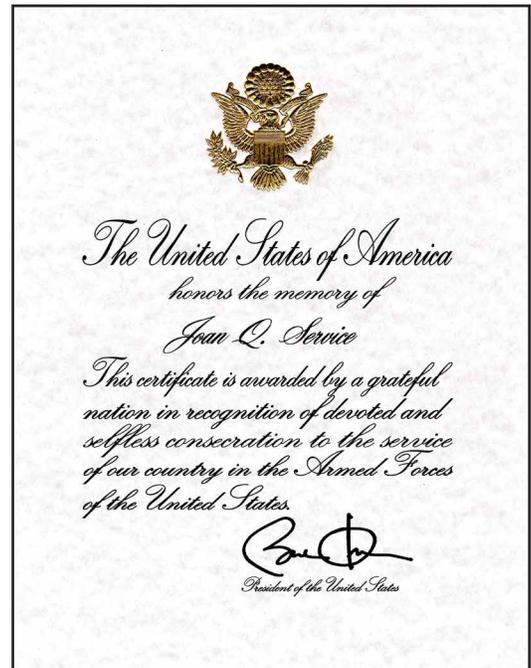
A copy of the deceased Veteran's military discharge document along with a copy of the death certificate must be provided when requesting a PMC. Eligible recipients may request a PMC in person at any VA Regional Office, by U.S. mail or by toll-free fax.

A request form is available on the National Cemetery Administration website, [www.cem.va.gov/pmc.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/pmc.asp).

By Mail:

Presidential Memorial Certificates (41B3)  
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.**

