

**STATUTORY AMENDMENT TO 38 USC § 2306 REGARDING EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED HEADSTONE, MARKER, OR MEDALLION FOR MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS**

**1. PURPOSE/REASON FOR ISSUE:** This notice provides information and direction regarding Section 2 of Public Law 118-134, the “Mark Our Place Act”, enacted November 25, 2024, which authorized the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to furnish or replace a headstone, marker, or medallion for the grave of an eligible Medal of Honor recipient with a headstone, marker, or medallion indicating the deceased’s status as a recipient of the Medal of Honor, regardless of the recipient’s dates of service in the Armed Forces.

**2. SUMMARY:** Section 2(a) of Public Law 118-134 amended section 2306(d)(5)(C) of title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) to authorize VA to furnish or replace a headstone, marker, or medallion for the grave of an eligible Medal of Honor recipient with a similar memorial item indicating the deceased’s status as a recipient of the Medal of Honor, regardless of the recipient’s dates of service in the Armed Forces. Prior to the amendment, VA was authorized to do so only for Medal of Honor recipients who served on or after April 6, 1917. The amendment to expand eligibility to include all Medal of Honor recipients is consistent with an NCA legislative proposal.

**3. ACTIONS:**

a. NCA Policy and Regulatory Service (42E) will coordinate with the Office of Field Programs (41B) to amend current regulations and forms to address the changes in the law.

b. NCA Memorial Products Service (41B1) will furnish or replace a headstone, marker, or medallion for the grave of an eligible Medal of Honor recipient in accordance with the new law.

c. NCA Office of Engagement and Memorial Innovation (44) will develop appropriate communications as necessary to inform families of Medal of Honor recipients who might be affected by the new law.

d. NCA Business Transformation and Requirements Service (43E) will work with 41B1 to make appropriate enhancements to BOSS and future MBMS requirements that support the expanded eligibility.

**4. RESPONSIBLE OFFICE:** NCA, Office of Finance and Planning, Policy and Regulatory Service (42E), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, is responsible for the contents of this notice.

**5. EXPIRATION:** The contents of this notice are effective until incorporated into more permanent guidance and formally rescinded. This notice will be reviewed for rescission one year from date of issuance.

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