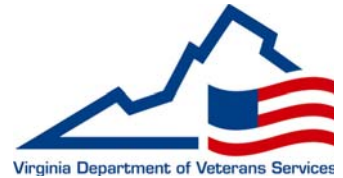


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Forgotten Heroes to Be Honored on Veterans Day at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery

RICHMOND—More than 150 years ago, Abraham Lincoln said, “Any nation that does not honor its heroes will not long endure.” Sadly, there are U.S. veterans who have not been honored and given a proper military burial. Their cremated remains sit abandoned and forgotten on the shelves of funeral homes, hospitals, prisons, and crematories.

On November 11, 2010, at 3 p.m., nine of these forgotten heroes will be honored by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, Marine Corps League, Chesapeake Detachment, Sturtevant Funeral Home—Portsmouth Chapel, and the Virginia Patriot Guard Riders. These veterans will be interred with full military honors at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, Virginia. The ceremony is open to the public.

The Veterans Day event is Virginia’s first ceremony to recognize and honor forgotten heroes. “We hope other funeral homes, crematories, and organizations will step forward and provide us with the names of their unclaimed cremated remains,” said Cemeteries Director Dan Kemano.

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services asks that, in addition to the names, funeral homes provide social security number, date of birth, service number if available, and any other information about the person. The agency will research the names to identify veterans eligible for interment in one of the state-operated veterans cemeteries, provide a service with appropriate military honors, and inter the veteran’s cremated remains.

Funeral homes and other facilities who wish to participate in this program should contact Dan Kemano at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery, (757) 272-2283.

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