

Virginia Military Funeral Honors for Unclaimed Veterans' Cremains

Honor · Dignity · Respect · Remembrance



***“Any nation that
does not honor its heroes
will not long endure.”***

President Abraham Lincoln

Millions of American service men and women fought for us in two World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and many others. Yet, today, the remains of some of these heroes sit unclaimed and forgotten on the shelves of funeral homes, hospitals, prisons, crematories, and other facilities.

The Virginia Military Funeral Honors for Unclaimed Veterans' Cremains Program seeks to remember these lost heroes and give them the honorable interment they deserve.

We simply ask that funeral homes and other facilities provide us with the names of their unclaimed cremains, along with the service number, social security number, date of birth, and any other information you have about the person. We'll do the rest.

We will research each name to determine if the individual is a veteran and eligible for interment in a veterans cemetery. For eligible veterans, we will work with you to arrange transfer of the cremains to one of the three state veterans cemeteries in Virginia. Upon transfer, we will conduct a service with appropriate military honors and inter the veteran's cremains.

If you need assistance in putting together the list of your unclaimed cremains, we'll be happy to send a volunteer to your facility to help.

Please join the partners in the Virginia Military Funeral Honors for Unclaimed Veterans' Cremains Program and help us give our forgotten veterans the honor, dignity, respect, and remembrance they deserve.

Partners

- Virginia Department of Veterans Services
- Virginia Funeral Directors Association
- Missing in America Project
- Virginia Army National Guard Funeral Honors Program
- Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations
- Board of Veterans Services
- Virginia Cemetery Association
- Virginia Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers

Join us

We invite all funeral homes, hospitals, prisons, crematories, and other facilities holding unclaimed cremains to join the *Virginia Military Funeral Honors for Unclaimed Veterans' Cremains Program*.

To provide a list of unclaimed cremains at your facility or to request assistance or information, contact:

Virginia Department of Veterans Services

Albert G. Horton, Jr.

Memorial Veterans Cemetery

5210 Milners Road. Suffolk, VA 23434

(757) 255 · 7217

Recognition

Participating organizations will receive a certificate recognizing their participation in the *Virginia Military Funeral Honors for Unclaimed Veterans' Cremains Program*.

Participating organizations will also be recognized on the program's website once it is established. And, as support for this program grows, we expect positive media coverage recognizing the commitment made by all program participants.