



National Mall and Memorial Parks

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National Park Service, Missing in America Project Sign Agreement for Care of Cremated Human Remains Left at Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Washington – The National Park Service and Missing in America Project have entered into an agreement to provide for the inurnment of cremated human remains left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Under the five-year renewable agreement, Missing in America Project will take possession of the approximately 80 sets of cremains that have been left at the memorial since 1989, as well as any cremains that are left in the future. The cremains will be inurned with full military honors in an in-ground vault at a private cemetery in Manassas, Va. No date for the transfer or inurnment has been set.

“We are grateful to Missing in America Project for their assistance in securing a final resting place for these veterans,” said Patricia Trap, acting superintendent of National Mall and Memorial Parks. “This agreement provides a dignified solution that ensures the respectful, perpetual care for cremains left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.”

"The Missing in America Project is honored to work with the National Park Service to assist in providing a final resting place for the cremated remains left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial," said Brigitte Corbin, Missing in America Region 8 Coordinator.

The National Park Service maintains the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Collection, comprised of more than 400,000 objects left by visitors to the Wall in honor of the men and women who served in Vietnam and whose names appear on the memorial. However, the collection does not have the capacity to care for cremated human remains, and the leaving of cremains or scattering of ashes at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is prohibited by regulation. The [National Cemetery Administration](#) can provide assistance on burial service and benefits available to veterans at their 135 national cemeteries around the country.

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About Missing in America Project

Founded in 2006, Missing in America Project locates, identifies and interrs the unclaimed cremated remains of American veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations, and provides honor and respect to those who have served this country by securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes. To date, Missing in America Project has interred

more than 3,500 remains of service men and women unclaimed from funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries. Learn more at www.miap.us.

About National Mall and Memorial Parks

The National Park Service's National Mall and Memorial Parks preserves, protects, and interprets the symbolic and monumental civic spaces and commemorative works in the center of the Nation's Capital that honor American ideals and values, distinguished public figures, and military and civilian sacrifices and contributions. On the National Mall these sites include the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Thomas Jefferson Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, World War II Memorial, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.