



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
National Cemetery Administration

# VETERANS LEGACY MEMORIAL'S LIVING VETERANS FEATURE

Every Veteran has a story—a legacy of courage, service, and sacrifice—that deserves to be remembered, not just today, but forever.

VA's [Veterans Legacy Memorial \(VLM\)](#) is the nation's largest digital platform dedicated to the memory of more than 10 million Veterans, and the site makes it easy to share, remember, and connect those experiences.

## YOUR STORY, YOUR LEGACY

**VLM now offers the opportunity for Veterans to tell their military and life stories today, in their own words.**

With VLM's new [Living Veterans](#) feature, Veterans can create their own behind-the-scenes profile pages:



**Add photos**



**Write your autobiography**



**Share military and life timelines**



**Upload historical documents**



*"Everybody has a unique experience in the military, whether you're an aviator for the Navy or a U.S. Marine ground pounder. Your story is going to be very different and you've earned the right to save that story for future generations."*

**Pete Ladowicz, U.S. Navy Veteran**

## VLM for friends and family

Family, friends, and the public can use VLM any time to search and find Veterans who have passed away and are memorialized with a VA burial or memorial benefit, such as a government headstone or grave marker. The interactive features allow users to submit tributes and memories to a Veteran's profile page and can easily be shared by email or posted to social media.

After the Veteran passes away, if interred in a VA national or a state, tribal or territorial Veterans cemetery, or if they receive a VA headstone or other memorial benefit, the content they've submitted will appear on their publicly visible VLM Memorial page.

# PLAN TODAY. HONOR FOREVER.

The Living Veterans feature is available to those Veterans who have been approved for pre-need eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery.

Complete the simple, online VA pre-need burial eligibility application today.

If you have questions about pre-need burial eligibility, call the **National Cemetery Scheduling Office** at 800-535-1117 (TTY:711) and select 4, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET.

## How do I access my Living Veterans Memorial page?

- » **Haven't applied for pre-need yet?** If you're a Veteran and haven't applied for pre-need burial eligibility, that's your first step. Visit [cem.va.gov/veterans-and-families](https://cem.va.gov/veterans-and-families) to apply.
- » **Already approved for pre-need?** If you've already applied and been approved, visit [vlm.cem.va.gov](https://vlm.cem.va.gov) to start contributing to your Living Veterans page today.



**Begin building a legacy that will live on for generations.**



*"This is something that you're building for your family and your loved ones—your children, your grandchildren, their grandchildren—to be able to see long after you're gone."*

**Derek White, U.S. Air Force Veteran**



*"I don't think our kids can imagine me with the service uniform on. VLM gives them a whole different perspective of the experiences that I had, a whole different version of mom."*

**Zaira Martinez, U.S. Air Force Veteran**



Learn more about [Veterans Legacy Memorial \(VLM\)](https://vlm.cem.va.gov) and start your pre-need burial eligibility application.