

## *Voiture 1379 Communiqué for March 2011*

The Department of Veterans Affairs is making available a new medallion to be affixed to an existing privately purchased headstone or marker to signify the deceased's status as a veteran.


If requested, the medallion traditional Government that died on or after is marked with a privately



will be furnished in lieu of a headstone or marker for veterans November 1, 1990, and whose grave purchased headstone or marker.

The medallion is currently available in three sizes, 5 inches, 3 inches, and 1 ½ inches. Each medallion will be inscribed with the word VETERAN across the top and the Branch of Service at the bottom. Appropriate affixing adhesive, instructions and hardware will be provided with the medallion.

**Important:** This benefit is only applicable if the grave is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. In these instances, eligible veterans are entitled to either a traditional Government-furnished headstone or marker, or the new medallion, but not both.

For family members of eligible Veterans interested in submitting a claim for the new medallion, instructions on how to apply for a medallion will be updated on NCA's web site at [www.cem.va.gov/hm\\_hm.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/hm_hm.asp). Until a new form specifically for ordering the medallion is available, use  [VA Form 40-1330](#); Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker. Fill the form out completely with the exception of blocks 11 (Type of Headstone or Marker Requested) and 27 (Remarks). Leave block 11 blank. In block 27 put the word Medallion followed by the size requested. For example; use "Medallion 5 inch" to request a 5 inch medallion.

If you need help obtaining or filling the form out please let me know.

The next Promenade will be in Cameron, MO at Post 33 on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 with Dinner and Promenade at Post 61 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 61 serving dinner at 18:00 HRS and Promenade beginning at 19:00 HRS.

**Thank you for your service to Our Great Nation, your service to the American Legion, and the 40et8 through Voiture 1379. If we all work together we can and do make a difference.**

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