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Help Us Verify That These Individuals Are Veterans

The executive committee of the Flags for Veterans organization is sincerely appreciative of the community support in our efforts to honor veterans buried in Barre Town and Barre City cemeteries. In addition to placing flags, there are many ongoing activities in which volunteers may easily participate.

One such activity is described here. More than four years ago Flags for Veterans began the important process of accurately verifying the military service of every veteran buried in these cemeteries.

The specific data referenced in this letter concerns the 1,095 veterans buried in Hope Cemetery in Barre City. Thus far we have been able to verify military service for eighty-seven percent of the Hope Cemetery veterans.

There are many reasons why the remaining thirteen percent have become particular challenges. Many were not living in Vermont at the time of induction, thus military records are not easily accessed. Some did not serve at a time of war, thus their records are not easy to track. Others never filed their discharge papers with their town or city clerk upon separation from military service. Some no doubt have a misspelling in their name or incorrect birth date on their official military documents. Women are often the biggest challenge because they may have served under their maiden name and later died having their married name. These are but a few of the situations that we have encountered.

So therefore we turn to you for some assistance. Please review the list that follows. Help lead us to the verification of some of some of these veterans. We have prepared forms that should make your work relatively easy and not too time consuming. After completing your forms, please return them to the address printed on the back side of the form.

As you review the listing of names, please be aware that:

1. Each veteran is listed in the order of: last name, first name, middle name and conflict.
2. These individuals may have an incorrect time of military service, such as Korea when it really should be World War 2.
3. Those whose service is recorded as “unknown” may have served during a time of peace.
4. It is very important to ascertain the name of the state in which each lived at the time of induction. The name of the state where each died is very helpful as well.
The specific data referenced in this letter concerns only those 1095 veterans buried in Hope Cemetery in Buna City.

Help us verify that these individuals are veterans.
The Flags for Veterans organization is attempting to verify the accuracy of our lists of veterans buried in Barre City and Barre Town cemeteries. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

**Verification of Veterans**

Current records indicate that the following individual was a veteran and is buried in Hope Cemetery.

- **Last**
- **First**
- **Middle**

**For women, please enter maiden name:**

**Dates:**

- Birth
- Death

(Hi known)

**HOPE CEMETERY**

Barre City

(Committee personnel will enter this data)

- Section
- Lot
- Group
- IDX
- Std?
- Date this form was received:

**How are you able to confirm that this person was a veteran?**

Briefly explain:

**Did this individual live in Vermont at the time of induction?**

- YES
- NO

? Where?

**Which branch of service?**

- Air Force
- Army
- Navy
- Marines
- WAC
- Not sure
- Other

**Please circle when this individual served:**

- War time
- Peace time
- Both
- Not sure

If war: Civil, Span-Amer, WW1, WW2, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf, Afghan, Iraq

**Who completed this form?**

- Name
- Phone #
- Relationship to veteran

If others assisted in gathering this data, please enter that information here:

- Name
- Phone #
- Relationship to veteran

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- Relationship to veteran

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