2016 Survey Number	2016 Survey Question
	nal cemetery in the past 12 months?
	eve to complete the rest of this questionnaire h
	Since the committal service, how many times have you visited the national cemetery where your loved one was interred?
2	Your recently deceased loved one was your
3	How far do you reside from the national cemetery?

4	Do the following factors limit the number of times you visit the national cemetery where your loved one is interred? (Please mark Yes or No for each item below.)
5	Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces, either in the regular military or a National Guard or reserve unit?
6	Prior to your time of need, to what extent were you aware of the benefits related to burial in a national cemetery?

	How did you learn of these benefits prior to
	your time of need? (Mark all that apply)
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/	
	Prior to the time of need, what is the BEST
	way for the national cemetery to convey
	information regarding benefits? (Mark only one)
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	To what extent were you informed of the
	details (e.g., length of service, use of committal shelters) related to the committal
	service prior to attending the service?
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10	Overall, how satisfied are you with the information you were provided throughout your experiences with the national cemetery?
11	At the committal service, did your family have any of the following special needs or requests? (Mark all that apply)
12	Was the cemetery able to accommodate these special needs or requests to your satisfaction?
	If your loved one was NOT a veteran, please SKI

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13	If your loved one was a veteran, did your family request military funeral honors?
14	How satisfied were you with the quality of the military funeral honors your loved one received?
15	Overall, how satisfied were you with the committal service at the national cemetery?
16	Were the headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover inscription options explained to you?
17	Which of the following inscription options were explained to you? (Mark all that apply)
18	Did you feel you had sufficient time to make a decision on the headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover inscription options?

	had the transfer of
	Who explained headstone, marker, or
	columbarium niche cover inscription
	options to you?
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	How satisfied were you with the length of
	time it took for the permanent headstone,
20	marker, or columbarium niche cover to be
	in place?
	When the headstone, marker, or columbarium
	niche cover arrived, was the inscription
21	accurate?
	Overall, how satisfied were you with the
	quality and appearance of the headstone,
	marker, or columbarium niche cover when
22	it arrived?
	it difficult
	If your loved one was NOT a veteran, please SKI
	If your loved one was a veteran, did you
	receive a Presidential Memorial Certificate?
	reserve a residential memorial certificate.
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24	Looking back at your overall experiences with the national cemetery, which items would you have liked more information about? (Mark all that apply)
25A	After the loss of your loved one a. Did you need bereavement counseling or support?
25B	Did you seek bereavement counseling or support?
26	Have you contacted VA to find out if you are eligible for VA survivor benefits?
27	Are you eligible for VA survivor benefits?
28	If eligible, have you applied for VA survival benefits?
29	Overall, what was the single biggest contributing factor to the decision to bury your loved one in a national cemetery? (Mark only one)
30	What is your gender?

31	Are you Hispanic or Latino?
32	What is your race? (Mark one or more)
	Please indicate your level of agreement with the
33A	The maintenance of the cemetery grounds is excellent.
33B	The upkeep of the headstones, markers, or columbarium niche covers is excellent
33C	The maintenance of other landscape features (e.g., flowers,trees, shrubs) is excellent.
33D	The committal shelter used for the service was clean, free of safety hazards, and private

33E	The availability of vertice was in witchle to
33F	The availability of restrooms is suitable to accommodate visitors on busy days
33G	The cemetery honors all veterans and their service to our nation.
33H	There are sufficient signs within the cemetery to assist visitors.

331	Parking at the cemetery is adequate to accommodate visitors on most days.
33J	The cemetery's roadways and intersections are safe and easily naviagted
33K	The quality of service received from cemetery staff is excellent
33L	The national cemetery staff was courteous.
33M	The national cemetery staff was professional in terms of being knowledgeable, helpful, and responsive.

33N	The national cemetery hours of operation meet my needs.
330	The appearance of my loved one's gravesite/columbaria is excellent
33P	The information kiosks (i.e., gravesite locators) are helpful to me.
33Q	Public ceremonies and events at the cemetery promote a sense of patriotism and heritage.
33R	The overall appearance of the national cemetery is excellent.
33S	Overall, I am satisfied with my experiences at the national cemetery.
33Т	I would recommend the cemetery to veteran families during their time of need.
33U	I am willing to rely on VA and the National Cemetery Administration to meet the burial needs of veterans in the future.

I am willing to rely on VA and the National Cemetery Administration to maintain national cemeteries as national shrines in the future.
My experiences with the national cemetery exceeded my expectations.
General Comments: Please use this space to ela the national cemetery you wish to share with us

2016 Response Options	Question Number on New Proposed 2020 Survey
	Deleted
1 - 3 4 - 6 7 - 9 10 or more None, I have not visited	Q47
Spouse Parent Brother/Sister Son/Daughter (includes stepchildren) Other relative Friend	Deleted and Replaced Q52
Less than 15 miles 15 to 29 miles 30 to 44 miles 45 to 59 miles 60 to 75 miles Over 75 miles	Deleted and Replaced Q53

a. Distance to the national cemetery b. Travel time to the national cemetery. c. Inconvenient location of the national cemetery (e.g., neighborhood, no direct route)	Q48
Yes/No	Deleted and Replaced Q9
Completely aware Somewhat aware Unaware (SKIP TO Q8)	Q4

Family member/friend	
Funeral home	
Military discharge-related materials	
Other veteran/active duty member VA/NCA pamphlet, brochure, newsletter	
VA/NCA Web site	
VA/NCA social media (Facebook or Twitter)	
Veterans Service Organization	
(including State or County organizations) Other VA organization	
Local newspaper/television news reports	
Public events (e.g., parades, exhibits,	<b>Q</b> 5
speeches)	Qэ
Professional/military association meetings or conventions	
or conventions	
F	
E-mail VA/NCA Web site	
VA/NCA social media (Facebook or Twitter)	
Newsletter/flyer	
Local newspaper/television news reports Public events (e.g., parades, exhibits,	
speeches)	
Professional/military association meetings	Q6
or conventions other	`
Very informed	
Somewhat informed Neither informed nor uninformed	
Somewhat uninformed	
Very uninformed	Q10
	410

Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	Q40
Visit the gravesite View the burial Special music Special religious practices (e.g., blessing the gravesite) Additional seating at the committal service Handicapped accommodations No, my family did not have any special needs or requests (SKIP TO Q13)	Q11
Yes, completely Yes, somewhat No, and I understand why No, and I did not understand why	Q12
P TO Q15.	Deleted and Replaced Q16

Yes, and honors were provided Yes, but honors were not provided (SKIP TO Q15) No, did not request military funeral honors (SKIP TO Q15)	Deleted and Replaced Q17
Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	Q15
Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	Q14
Yes No (SKIP TO Q20) Not sure/don't know (SKIP TO Q20)	Q24
Military service information (e.g., rank, service, valor awards) Emblems of belief (e.g., religious symbols) Terms of endearment (e.g., beloved father)	Deleted and Replaced Q18
Yes/ No	Q25

National cemetery representative ONLY Funeral director ONLY BOTH the national cemetery representative and the funeral director NEITHER the national cemetery nor the funeral director	Deleted and Replaced Q19
Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied Don't know/the marker or headstone has	Q26
Yes No Don't know	Q27
Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	Q28
P TO Q24.	Deleted
Yes/No	Q20

None, I was well informed Details of the committal service Military funeral honors Location of gravesite Layout of cemetery (maps) Directions to cemetery Presidential Memorial Certificate Floral policy Headstone or marker inscription options Timeline for placement of headstone/ marker	Deleted and Replaced Q21
Yes No Don't know	Deleted and Replaced Q1, Q2, Q3, Q7, Q8
Honor the wishes of my loved one Recognition of military service Other family member also buried at national cemetery Location Affordability	Deleted and Replaced Q43
Male Female	Q49

Q50
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Deleted and Replaced Q44
Q13

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Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	
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Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	Q35
Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	Q32

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	and Replaced Q22
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Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	
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	and Replaced Q23
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Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	Q39
Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	Q41
Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	Q38
Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	Q36

Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	Q37	
Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	Q42	
borate on any aspect of your experiences at 3.	Q54	

Comment	New Question Number Proposed
The survey can be answered by a Next-of-Kin so there is no need for screener.	for 2020
Due to the pandemic some NOK may have a memorial service instead of a committal service. From this point forward, the change in an item due to the pandemic will be coded as a <b>Covid Change</b> .  Q47. Since the committal or memorial service, how many times have you visited the national cemetery where your loved one was interred?	1
This information is available in BOSS and is not needed on survey.  Replaced demographic item: Q52. What is your age? Under 18 18 to 29 30 to 39 40 to 49 50 to 59 60 to 69 70 to 79 80 or over	2
This information is available using the NOK address and does not need to be collected from NOK.  Replaced demographics item:  Q53. In what religious practice was the burial conducted?  o Christian  o Catholic  o Muslim  o Jewish  o Buddhist  o Hindu  o Atheist  o Agnostic  o None  o Other (specify)	3

The options have been revised to allow a broader range of data to be collected by the use of a text response.  Q48. Which of the following factors limit the number of times you visit the national cemetery where your loved one is interred?  o Distance to the national cemetery o Access to transportation o Health status o Other: [open text box]	4
in the 2020 proposed survey.	
Covid Change	
Screener based on policy at time due to covid needed on survey to direct respondent to applicable items based on their experience.  Q9. Did your loved one have a committal service?  O Yes, at the time of interment. O No, there was not a committal service at time of interment due to the coronavirus pandemic, but a follow-up memorial service was conducted at a later date. O No, there was not a committal service at time of interment due to the coronavirus pandemic and there was not a follow-up memorial service at a later time. Go to Q19. O No, there was not a committal service for a reason other than the coronavirus pandemic. Go to Q19.	5
response options were changed to allow a dichotomous response.  Q4. Prior to your time of need, were you aware of the benefits related to burial in a VA national cemetery?  Yes  No. Go to Q6.	6

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Due to the availability of the pre-need eligibility determination, the response options were expanded to include pre-need eligibility determination.	
Q5. How did you learn of these benefits prior to your time of need? (Mark all that apply) o Family member/friend o Pre-Need burial eligibility determination o Funeral home o Military discharge related materials o Other Veteran/active duty member o VA/NCA pamphlet, brochure, newsletter o VA/NCA website o VA/NCA social media o Veterans Service Organization o Other VA organization o Local newspaper/news report o Public events o Professional/military association meetings	7
Q6. Prior to the time of need, what is the BEST way for the VA National Cemetery Association to convey information regarding benefits? (Please select only one option.)  o E-mail  o VA/NCA website  o VA/NCA social media (Facebook or Twitter)  o Newsletter/flyer  o Local newspaper/television news reports  o Public events (e.g., parades, speeches)  o Professional/military association meetings including Veteran Service Organizations  o Other (specify): [open text box]	8
Q10. Prior to attending the service, to what extent were you informed of the details (e.g., length of service, use of committal shelters) related to the committal or memorial service?  o Very informed o Somewhat informed o Neither informed nor uninformed o Somewhat uninformed o Very uninformed	

To align with other items on the survey, the question was changed to a statement.	
Q40. Overall, I am satisfied with the information provided to me throughout my experience with the national cemetery.	9
To align with other items on the survey, the question was changed to a statement.	
Q11. At the service, did your family have any of the following special needs or requests?	10
Item was changed to focus on the timing of the request.	
Q12. Was the cemetery able to accommodate the special needs or requests at the time of the service to your satisfaction?	11
Item was not needed because it was contained within subsequent item.	
New 2020 interment proposed survey gathers data on the committal or memorial service.	
The following question is directed toward information which was on the previous survey in an indirect manner.	
Q16. Prior to the committal or memorial service for your loved one, did you view the NCA videos illustrating different service options at VA national cemeteries?  o Yes, I viewed it online. o Yes, the funeral director provided it. o No. Go to Q19.	12

Item was not needed because it was contained within subsequent	
item.	
Item added that reflects the new manner of communication of burial information.	
Q17. The video(s) helped me understand the burial process at the	
national cemetery. o Strongly Agree	13
o Agree o Neither agree nor disagree	
o Disagree	
o Strongly disagree	
Item reworded to include screener and item in one.	
Q15. If your loved one received military funeral honors, how	
satisfied were you with the quality of the honors received?	14
Covid change.	
Q14. Overall, how satisfied were you with the committal or	
memorial service at the VA national cemetery?	15
No change	
	16
Item added that reflects the new manner of communication of burial information.	
Q18. Was your experience at the national cemetery similar to the	
videos on service options you viewed? o Yes	17
o No	
No change	
No change	40
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A Presidential Memorial Certificate web page at www.cem.va.gov/pmc
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Item was deleted because of other items gathering responses to information needs.  Items on PMC compliment the survey items and were added. Q21. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:  Receiving the PMC at the committal service rather than receiving it in the mail enhances the meaning of the recognition.  o Strongly agree o Agree o Neither agree nor disagree o Disagree o Strongly disagree o Don't know	23
Q2. Do you intend to apply? o Yes, I intend to apply. o No, I do not plan to apply because I already know I am eligible for burial at a VA National Cemetery.	
<ul> <li>No, I do not plan to apply but I think I am eligible for burial at a VA National Cemetery.</li> <li>No, I do not plan to apply because I already know that I am not eligible for burial at a VA National Cemetery.</li> </ul>	24
o No, I do not plan to apply for a reason other than those specified in the above options.  Q3. If you applied, were you satisfied with the length of time it	25
took to receive a certificate of approval?  o Yes o No o Not applicable	26
And items on Scheduling Office Q7. Did you or a family member personally schedule the interment through the National Cemetery Scheduling Office (1-800-535-	27
Items replaced by a series of items on national cemetery with state and tribal cemeteries.  First item in series used as a screener:  Q43. Have you visited a State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery?  o Yes o No. Go to Q47.	28
Item changed based on OMB guidance.  Q49. What is your sex?	

No change	
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No change	30
Items changed to be more global in nature.	
Q39. The overall appearance of the national cemetery is excellent.	31
No Change	32
Item deleted and information gathered in new Q39.  Replaced with NC and STVC item comparison item:  Q44. The honor of being interred at a State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery is equivalent to that of being interred at the VA national cemetery.  o Strongly agree o Agree o Neither agree nor disagree o Disagree o Strongly disagree	33
Covid Change Q13. The committal shelter used for the committal or memorial service was private, clean, and free of safety hazards.	34

All applicable regulations followed for site.	
Replaced with NC and STVC item comparison item:	
Q45. Based on your visit(s), the quality of service at the State or	
Tribal Veterans Cemetery compares favorably to the VA national	
cemetery. o Strongly agree	
o Agree	
o Neither agree nor disagree o Disagree	
o Strongly disagree	
o Don't know/Not applicable	
Focus of the survey allow for continuous improvement that cemetery staff have control over and implemented by staff.	
Replaced with NC and STVC item comparison item:	
Q46. Based on your visit(s), the appearance of the State or Tribal	
Veterans Cemetery compares favorably to the VA national cemetery.	
o Strongly agree	
o Agree o Neither agree nor disagree	35
o Disagree	
o Strongly disagree o Don't know/Not applicable	
Don't know, Not applicable	
No ob oppo	
No change	
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No change	
	27
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Focus of the survey allow for continuous improvement that cemetery staff have control over and implemented by staff.  Replaced items out of control of staff by PMC items:  Q22. How satisfied were you with the quality of the PMC?  o Very Satisfied o Somewhat satisfied o Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied o Somewhat dissatisfied o Very dissatisfied	38
Focus of the survey allow for continuous improvement that cemetery staff have control over and implemented by staff.  Replaced items out of control of staff by PMC items:  Q23. Please identify any issues that existed with the PMC that you received.  o Not applicable o No issues with quality o Envelope was bent/torn o Misspelled name o Poor print quality o Other problem [open text box]	39
Item enhanced and clarified by reference to national cemetery staff.  Q34. The quality of service received from the national cemetery staff is excellent.	40
No Change	41
Item deleted because the item references multiple attributes which causes a burden to respondent and an implied weighting of attribute for respondent.	42

Some cemeteries offer access 24/7 so item is not applicable to all	
sites.	
Question format revised for focus on word appearance.	
Q29. The <u>appearance</u> of my loved one's gravesite/columbaria is excellent.	43
No change	44
Item captures similar information as item: The VA national cemetery honors all Veterans and their service to our nation.	45
No change	46
Item changed to the singular word experience given the global nature of the item.	
Q41. Overall, I am satisfied with my experience at the national cemetery.	
Item clarified by inserting word national before of cemetery.  Q38. I would recommend the national cemetery to Veteran families during their time of need.	47
No Change	48

No Change	
	49
Item changed to the singular word experience given the global nature of the item.  Q42. My experience with the national cemetery exceeded my expectations.	50
No Change	51
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Proposed 2020 Interment Ordering
Are you aware of the Pre-Need Eligibility process to find out in advance if you are eligibile for burial in a VA national cemetery?
Do you intend to apply?
If you applied, were you satisfied with the length of time it took to receive a certificate of approval?

Prior to your time of need, were you aware of the benefits related to burial in a national
cemetery?
cometery.
How did you learn of these benefits prior to your time of need? (Mark all that apply)
Prior to the time of need, what is the BEST way for the VA national cemetery to convey
information regarding benefits?

Did you or a family member personally schedule the interment through the National Cemetery Scheduling Office (1-800-535-1117)?
How satisfied were you with the service you or your family member received from the National Cemetery Scheduling Office?
Committal or Memorial

Did your loved one have a committal service?
Prior to attending the service, to what extent were you informed of the details (e.g., length of service, use of committal shelters) related to the committal or memorial service?
At the service, did your family have any of the following special needs or requests?
Was the cemetery able to accommodate the special needs or requests at the time of the service to your satisfaction?

The committal shelter used for the committal or memorial service was private, clean, and free of safety hazards.
Overall, how satisfied were you with the committal or memorial service at the national cemetery?
If your loved one received military funeral honors, how satisfied were you with the quality of the honors received?
Prior to the committal service for your loved one, did you view the NCA videos illustrating different service options at VA cemeteries?
The video(s) helped me understand the burial process at the national cemetery.
Was your experience at the national cemetery similar to the videos on service options you viewed?
Looking back at your overall experiences with the national cemetery, which items would you have liked more information about?

If your loved one was NO
PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERT
referred to as a PMC, is a certificate signed by the President of the United States honori .asp.
If your loved one was a Veteran, did you receive a PMC honoring the Veteran's service?
Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: Receiving the PMC at the committal or memorial service rather than receiving it in the mail enhances the meaning of the recognition.
How satisfied were you with the quality of the PMC?

Please identify any issues that existed with the PMC that you received.
HEADSTONE, MAKERS, NICHE COVE
Were the headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover inscription options explained to you?
Did you feel you had sufficient time to make a decision on the headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover inscription?
How satisfied were you with the length of time it took for the permanent headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover to be in place?
When the headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover arrived, was the inscription accurate?
Overall, how satisfied were you with the quality and appearance of the headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover when it arrived?
Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

The appe	earance of my loved one's <u>gravesite/columbaria</u> is excellent.
The upke	ep of the <u>headstones, markers, or columbarium niche covers</u> is excellent.
	VISIT INFORMATION AN
me.	mation kiosks at the national cemetery (i.e., gravesite locators) are helpful
There are	e sufficient signs within the national cemetery to assist visitors.
The natio	onal cemetery staff was courteous.
The quali	ty of service received from national cemetery staff is excellent.

GLOBAL and RELY/TR
The VA national cemetery honors all Veterans and their service to our nation.
I am willing to rely on VA and the National Cemetery Administration to meet the burial needs of Veterans in the future.
I am willing to rely on VA and the National Cemetery Administration to maintain national cemeteries as national shrines in the future.

I would recommend the national cemetery to Veteran families during their time of need.
The overall appearance of the national cemetery is excellent.
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Overall, I am satisfied with the information provided to me throughout my experience
with the national cemetery.
Overall, I am satisfied with my experience at the national cemetery.
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My experience with the national cemetery exceeded my expectations.

NATIONAL CEMETERY with STATE and TRIBAL
Have you visited a State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery?
The honor of being interred at a State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery is equivalent to that of being interred at a VA national cemetery.
Based on your visit(s), the quality of service at the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery compares favorably to the VA national cemetery.
Based on your visit(s), the appearance of the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery compares favorably to the VA national cemetery.
BACKGRO
Since the committal service, how many times have you visited the national cemetery where your loved one was interred?
Which of the following factors limit the number of times you visit the national cemetery where your loved one is interred?

What is your sex?
Are you Hispanic or Latino?
What is your race? (Mark one or more)
What is your age?
In what religious practice was the burial conducted?
Please use this space to elaborate on any aspect of your experience at the VA national cemetery you wish to share with us. If your comment is in response to a specific question, please reference the question number.
If you would like to be contacted by the cemetery, please write your name and contact information (address or telephone number):

Proposed 2020 Response Options	
Yes No, Go to Q4	
Yes, I intend to apply.  No, I do not plan to apply because I already know I am eligible for burial at a VA National Cemetery.  No, I do not plan to apply but I think I am eligible for burial at a VA National Cemetery.  No, I do not plan to apply because I already know that I am not eligible for burial at a VA National Cemet No, I do not plan to apply for a reason other than those specified in above options.	ery.
Yes/No/Not applicable	

Yes No 🛚 Go to Q6
Family member/friend Pre-Need burial eligibility determination Funeral home
Military discharge related materials Other Veteran/active duty member
VA/NCA pamphlet, brochure, newsletter VA/NCA website VA/NCA social media
Veterans service organization Other VA organization
Local newspaper/news report Public events Professional/military association meetings
Email
VA/NCA website VA/NCA social media (Facebook or Twitter) Newsletter/flyer Local newspaper/television news reports
Public events (e.g., parades, speeches) Professional/military association meetings including Veteran Service Organizations Other (specify):
Strict (Specify).

Yes No, a funeral director scheduled it on my behalf 🛭 Go to Q10 Don't know 🗈 Go to Q10
Very Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied
Service

Yes, at the time of interment No, there was not a committal service at time of interment due to the pandemic but a follow-up memorial service was conducted at a later date.

No, there was not a committal service at time of interment due to the pandemic and there was not a follow-up memorial service at a later time. GO TO Q16

No, there was not a committal service for a reason other than the pandemic. GO TO Q16

Very informed Somewhat informed Neither informed nor uninformed Somewhat uninformed Very uninformed

Visit the gravesite View the burial

Specific religious practices (e.g. blessing the gravesite)

Specific cultural practice (e.g. spreading placement of earth/soil into the grave)

Additional seating at the committal service

Handicapped accommodations

No, my family did not have any special needs or requests 2 Go to Q14

Yes, completely Yes, somewhat No, and I understand why No, and I do not understand why Don't know/Not applicable

Strongly agree Agree
Neither agree nor disagree Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know/Not applicable
Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied
Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied
My loved one did not receive military funeral honors
Yes, I viewed it online
Yes, the funeral director provided it
No 🛚 Go to Q19
Strongly Agree Agree
Neither agree nor disagree Disagree
Strongly disagree
Yes/No
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None, I was well informed Details of the committal service Military funeral honors Location of gravesite
Layout of cemetery (maps) Directions to cemetery Presidential Memorial Certificate Floral policy
Headstone or marker inscription options Timeline for placement of headstone/marker

Γ a veteran, please go to Question 24.
'IFICATE, PMC  ng the Veteran's service. For more information about the PMC, or to order more copies, please visit our
Yes No GO TO Q23
Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know
Very Satisfied Satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied

Not applicable
No issues with quality
Envelope was bent/torn
Misspelled Name
Poor print quality
Other problem
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Van Na
Yes No
Not sure/don't know
M /N
Yes/No
Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied
Don't know/the marker or headstone has not yet arrived ? Go to Q30
Yes/No/DK
Tes, Ito, Bit
Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know/Not applicable

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know/Not applicable

## ETERY STAFF

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CEMETERIES COMPARISIONS
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UND AND DEMOGRAPHICS
1-3 times 4-6 times 7-9 times 10 or more times None, I have not visited
Distance to the national cemetery Access to transportation Health status Open text box

Male/Female
Yes/No
White
Black or African American American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
Under 18
18 to 29
30 to 39 40 to 49
40 to 49 50 to 59
60 to 69
70 to 79
80 or over
Christian Catholic Muslim Jewish Buddhist Hindu Atheist Agnostic None
Other (specify

move down to first question in committal section

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	or Tribal Veterans cemetery in the past 12 mon
	Since to complete the rest of this questionnaire. In Since the committal service, how many times have you visited the national cemetery where your loved one was interred?
2	Your recently deceased loved one was your
3	How far do you reside from the state or tribal Veterans cemetery?

4	Do the following factors limit the number of times you visit the state or tribal Veterans cemetery where your loved one is interred? (Please mark Yes or No for each item below.)
	Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces, either in the regular military or a National Guard or reserve unit?
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6	Prior to your time of need, to what extent were you aware of the benefits related to burial in a state or tribal Veterans cemetery?

	How did you learn of these benefits prior to your time of need? (Mark all that apply)
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8	Prior to the time of need, what is the BEST way for the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery to convey information regarding benefits? (Mark only one)
9	To what extent were you informed of the details (e.g., length of service, use of committal shelters) related to the committal service prior to attending the service?

10	Overall, how satisfied are you with the information you were provided throughout your experiences with the state or tribal Veterans cemetery?
11	At the committal service, did your family have any of the following special needs or requests? (Mark all that apply)
12	Was the cemetery able to accommodate these special needs or requests to your satisfaction?
	If your loved one was NOT a veteran, please SKI
13	Did the funeral home provide you with adequate information on military honors?

14	If your loved one was a veteran, did your family request military funeral honors?
15	How satisfied were you with the quality of the military funeral honors your loved one received?
16	Overall, how satisfied were you with the committal service at the state or tribal Veterans cemetery?
17	Were the headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover inscription options explained to you?

	Which of the following inscription options
18	were explained to you? (Mark all that apply)
19	Did you feel you had sufficient time to make a decision on the headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover inscription options?
20	Who explained headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover inscription options to you?
	How satisfied were you with the length of time it took for the permanent headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover to be in place?
22	When the headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover arrived, was the inscription accurate?

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23	Overall, how satisfied were you with the quality and appearance of the headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover when it arrived?
	If your loved one was NOT a veteran, please SKI
24	If your loved one was a veteran, did you receive a Presidential Memorial Certificate?
25	Looking back at your overall experiences with the national cemetery, which items would you have liked more information about? (Mark all that apply)
26A	After the loss of your loved one a. Did you need bereavement counseling or support?
26B	Did you seek bereavement counseling or support?
27	Have you contacted VA to find out if you are eligible for VA survivor benefits?

28	Are you eligible for VA survivor benefits?
	If eligible, have you applied for VA survival benefits?
29	

30	Overall, what was the single biggest contributing factor to the decision to bury your loved one in a state or tribal Veterans cemetery? (Mark only one)
31	What is your gender?
32	Are you Hispanic or Latino?
33	What is your race? (Mark one or more)
	Please indicate your level of agreement with the
34A	The maintenance of the cemetery grounds is excellent.

	The upkeep of the headstones, markers, or
34B	columbarium niche covers is excellent
34C	The maintenance of other landscape features (e.g., flowers,trees, shrubs) is excellent.
34D	The committal shelter used for the service was clean, free of safety hazards, and private
34E	There is adequate handicap accessibility for visitors who need it.

	The availability of restrooms is suitable to
34F	accommodate visitors on busy days
34G	The cemetery honors all veterans and their service to our nation.
34Н	There are sufficient signs within the cemetery to assist visitors.
341	Parking at the cemetery is adequate to accommodate visitors on most days.

34J	The cemetery's roadways and intersections are safe and easily naviagted
34K	The quality of service received from cemetery staff is excellent
34L	The state or tribal Veterans cemetery staff was courteous.
34M	The state or tribal Veterans cemetery staff was professional in terms of being knowledgeable, helpful, and responsive.
34N	The state or tribal Veterans cemetery hours of operation meet my needs.
340	The appearance of my loved one's gravesite/columbaria is excellent

34P	The information kiosks (i.e., gravesite locators) are helpful to me.
34Q	Public ceremonies and events at the cemetery promote a sense of patriotism and heritage.
34R	The overall appearance of the state or tribal Veterans cemetery is excellent.
345	Overall, I am satisfied with my experiences at the state or tribal Veterans cemetery.
34T	I would recommend the cemetery to veteran families during their time of need.
34U	I am willing to rely on state or tribal Veterans cemetery to meet the burial needs of Veterans in the future.
34V	I am willing to rely on the state or tribal Veterans Cemetery to maintain these cemeteries as shrines in the future.

34W	My experiences with the state or tribal Veterans cemetery exceeded my expectations.
	General Comments: Please use this space to ela the state or tribal Veterans cemetery you wish t Note: If you would like to be contacted by the c information (address or telephone number):

2016 Response Options	Question Number on New Proposed 2020 Survey
ths?	Deleted
ut please return the questionnaire in the 1 - 3 4 - 6 7 - 9 10 or more None, I have not visited	Q45
Spouse Parent Brother/Sister Son/Daughter (includes stepchildren) Other relative Friend	Deleted and Replaced Q50
Less than 15 miles 15 to 29 miles 30 to 44 miles 45 to 59 miles 60 to 75 miles Over 75 miles	Deleted and Replaced Q51

a. Distance to the national cemetery b. Travel time to the national cemetery. c. Inconvenient location of the national cemetery (e.g., neighborhood, no direct route)	Q46
Yes/No	Deleted and Replaced Q4
Completely aware Somewhat aware Unaware (SKIP TO Q8)	Q1

o Funeral home o Military discharge-related materials o Other veteran/active duty member o State or tribal/VA/NCA pamphlet, brochure, newsletter o State or tribal/VA/NCA Web site o State or tribal/VA/NCA social media (Facebook or Twitter) o Veterans Service Organization o Other state, tribal, or VA organization o Local newspaper/television news reports o Public events (e.g., parades, speeches) o Professional/military association meetings  Q2  E-mail O State or tribal/VA/NCA Web site o State or tribal/VA/NCA with site o State or tribal/VA/NCA social media (Facebook or Twitter) o Newsletter/flyer o Local newspaper/television news reports o Public events (e.g., parades, speeches) o Professional/military association meetings o Other  Very informed Somewhat informed Neither informed nor uninformed Somewhat uninformed Very uninformed Very uninformed Very uninformed Very uninformed	o Family member/friend	
o State or tribal/VA/NCA Web site o State or tribal/VA/NCA social media (Facebook or Twitter) o Newsletter/flyer o Local newspaper/television news reports o Public events (e.g., parades, speeches) o Professional/military association meetings o Other  Q3  Very informed Somewhat informed Neither informed nor uninformed Somewhat uninformed Very uninformed Very uninformed	o Military discharge-related materials o Other veteran/active duty member o State or tribal/VA/NCA pamphlet, brochure, newsletter o State or tribal/VA/NCA Web site o State or tribal/VA/NCA social media (Facebook or Twitter) o Veterans Service Organization o Other state, tribal, or VA organization o Local newspaper/television news reports o Public events (e.g., parades, speeches)	Q2
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	Somewhat informed Neither informed nor uninformed Somewhat uninformed	Q5

Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	Q14
Visit the gravesite View the burial Special music Special religious practices (e.g., blessing the gravesite) Additional seating at the committal service Handicapped accommodations No, my family did not have any special needs or requests (SKIP TO Q13)	Q6
Yes, completely Yes, somewhat No, and I understand why No, and I did not understand why	Q7
P TO Q16.	Deleted and Replaced
Yes No	Deleted and Replaced Q11

Yes, and honors were provided o Yes, but honors were not provided o (SKIP TO Q16) o No, did not request military funeral honors o (SKIP TO Q16)	Q10
Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	Deleted and Replaced Q12
Very satisfied o Somewhat satisfied o Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied o Somewhat dissatisfied o Very dissatisfied	Q9
Yes o No (SKIP TO Q21) o Not sure/don't know (SKIP TO Q21)	Q19

Military service information (e.g., rank, service, valor awards) Emblems of belief (e.g., religious symbols) Terms of endearment (e.g., beloved father)  Yes/ No	Deleted and Replaced Q13
Yes/ No	Q20
State or tribal Veterans cemetery representative ONLY o Funeral director ONLY o BOTH the state or tribal Veterans cemetery representative and the funeral director o NEITHER the state or tribal Veterans cemetery nor the funeral director	Deleted and Replaced Q14
Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied Don't know/the marker or headstone has not yet arrived (SKIP TO Q23)	Q21
Yes No Don't know	Q22

Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	Q23
P TO Q24.	Deleted
Yes/No	Q15
None, I was well informed Details of the committal service Military funeral honors Location of gravesite Layout of cemetery (maps) Directions to cemetery Presidential Memorial Certificate Floral policy Headstone or marker inscription options Timeline for placement of headstone/ marker	Deleted and Replaced Q16
Yes No Don't know Yes No Don't know	
Yes No Don't know	

Yes No Don't know	
Yes No Don't know	
	Deleted and Replaced Q17, Q18, Q40, Q41

Honor the wishes of my loved one Recognition of military service Other family member also buried at national cemetery Location Affordability	Deleted and Replaced Q39
Male Female	Q47
Yes No	Q48
White Black or African American American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	Q49
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borate on any aspect of your experiences at contact share with us. emetery, please write your name and contact	
	Q52

## Comment

The survey can be answered by a Next-of-Kin so there is no need for screener.

Due to the pandemic some NOK may have a memorial service instead of a committal service. From this point forward, the change in an item due to the pandemic will be coded as a **Covid Change**.

Q47. Since the committal or memorial service, how many times have you visited the national cemetery where your loved one was interred?

This information is available in BOSS and is not needed on survey.

Replaced with demographic item:

Q50. In what year were you born? What is your age?

Under 18

18 to 29

30 to 39

40 to 49

50 to 59

60 to 69

70 to 79

80 or over

This information is available using the NOK address and does not need to be collected from NOK.

Replaced demographics item:

Q51. In what religious practice was the burial conducted?

- o Christian
- o Catholic
- o Muslim
- o Jewish
- o Buddhist
- o Hindu
- o Atheist
- o Agnostic
- o None
- o Other

The options have been revised and streamlined.

Q46. Which of the following factors limit the number of times you visit the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery where your loved one is interred?

- o Distance to the national cemetery
- o Access to transportation
- o Health status
- o Other

This information is not used for an analysis and therefore deleted in the 2020 proposed survey.

Covid Change

Screener based on policy at time due to covid needed on survey to direct respondent to applicable items based on their experience.

Q4. Did your loved one have a committal service?

- o Yes, at the time of interment.
- o No, there was not a committal service at time of interment due to the coronavirus pandemic, but a follow-up memorial service was conducted at a later date.
- o No, there was not a committal service at time of interment due to the coronavirus pandemic and there was not a follow-up memorial service at a later time. Go to Q19.
- o No, there was not a committal service for a reason other than the coronavirus pandemic. Go to Q19.

The response options were changed to allow a dichotomous response.

Q1. Prior to your time of need, were you aware of the benefits related to burial in a State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery?

Yes

No. Go to Q3.

Due to the availability of the pre-need eligibility determination, the response options were expanded to include pre-need eligibility determination.

Q2. Prior to your time of need, how did you learn of these benefits? (Mark all that apply)

Family member/friend

Pre-need Burial Eligibility Determination

Funeral home

Military discharge-related materials

Another Veteran/active duty member

State or Tribal/VA/NCA pamphlet, brochure, newsletter

State or Tribal/VA/NCA website

State or Tribal/VA/NCA/ social media (Facebook or Twitter)

Veterans Service Organization

Other State, Tribal, or VA organization

Local newspaper/television news report

Public event (e.g., parades, speeches)

Professional/military association meeting

Q3. <u>Prior to the time of need</u>, what is the BEST way for the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery to convey information regarding benefits?

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oState or tribal/VA/NCA Web site

- o State or tribal/VA/NCA social media (Facebook or Twitter)
- o Newsletter/flyer
- o Local newspaper/television news reports
- o Public events (e.g., parades, speeches)
- o Professional/military association meetings
- oOther

Q5. Prior to attending the service, to what extent were you informed of the details (e.g., length of service, use of committal shelters) related to the committal or memorial service?

- o Very informed
- Somewhat informed
- Neither informed nor uninformed
- Somewhat uninformed
- Very uninformed

Q14. Looking back at your overall experience with the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery, which items would you have liked more information about?
o None, I was well informed o Details of the committal service
o Military funeral honors o Location of gravesite
o Layout of cemetery (maps)
To align with other items on the survey, the question was changed to a statement.
Q6. At the service, did your family have any of the following special needs or requests?
Item was changed to focus on the timing of the request.
Q7. Was the cemetery able to accommodate the special needs or requests at the time of the service to your satisfaction?
Item was not needed because it was contained within subsequent item.
New 2020 interment proposed survey gathers data on the committal or memorial service.
The following question is directed toward information which was on the previous survey in an indirect manner.
Item was not needed because it was contained within subsequent item.
Item added that reflects the new manner of communication of burial information.
Q11. Prior to the committal or memorial service for your loved one, did you view the NCA videos illustrating different service options at the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery?
o Yes, I viewed it online. o Yes, the funeral director provided it. o No. Go to Q14.

Item reworded to include screener and item in one. The NA option is available.

Q10. If your loved one received military funeral honors, how satisfied were you with the quality of the honors received?

- Very satisfied
- o Somewhat satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- o My loved one did not receive military funeral honors
- o Not applicable

Q12. The video(s) helped me understand the burial process at the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery.

- o Strongly Agree
- o Agree
- o Neither agree nor disagree
- o Disagree
- o Strongly disagree

## Covid Change

Q9. Overall, how satisfied were you with the committal or memorial service at the VA State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery?

- Very satisfied
- o Somewhat satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- o Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

No change to question but skip pattern eliminated because subsequent questions were deleted,

- o Yes
- o No
- Not sure/Don't know

Item added that reflects the new manner of communication of burial information.
Q13. Was your experience at the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery similar to the videos on service options you viewed?  o Yes o No
No change to question but additional response option added.
o Yes o No o Not sure/Don't know
Item added that reflects the new manner of communication of burial information.
Q14. Looking back at your overall experience with the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery, which items would you have liked more information about?
o None, I was well informed o Details of the committal service o Military funeral honors o Location of gravesite
o Layout of cemetery (maps) o Directions to cemetery o Presidential Memorial Certificate
o Floral policy o Headstone or marker inscription options o Timeline for placement of headstone/marker
No change
No change

No Change
If your loved one was NOT a veteran, please go to Question 19.
Q15. If your loved one was a Veteran, did you receive a Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) honoring the Veteran's service?
o Yes o No. Go to Q19.
Item was deleted because of other items gathering responses to information needs.
Items on PMC compliment the survey items and were added.
Q16. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:  Receiving the PMC at the committal or memorial service rather than receiving it in the mail enhances the meaning of the recognition.  o Strongly agree o Agree
o Neither agree nor disagree o Disagree o Strongly disagree o Don't know
Items no longer include because focus of survey is on experience and not designed as a referral system for service recovery.
Q17. How satisfied were you with the quality of the PMC?  o Very Satisfied  o Somewhat satisfied  o Satisfied  o Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied  o Somewhat dissatisfied  o Very dissatisfied

Q18. Please identify any issues that existed with the PMC that you received.

- o Not applicable
- o No issues with quality
- o Envelope was bent/torn
- o Misspelled name
- o Poor print quality
- Other problem [open text box]

Q40. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement:

If I had been able, I would have chosen to inter my loved one at a VA national cemetery rather than the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery.

- o Strongly agree
- o Agree
- o Neither agree nor disagree Go TO Q42
- o Disagree Go To Q42
- o Strongly disagree Go to Q42
- o Don't know/Not applicable

Q41. Please choose any of the following reasons to describe why you would have preferred interment in a VA national cemetery rather than a State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery. (Mark all that apply)

- o My loved one wanted to be interred in a VA national cemetery. Other family members are interred in a VA national cemetery. Others recommended the VA national cemetery.
- o There is no cost to inter my loved one at a national cemetery.
- o A national cemetery is more prestigious than a State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery.
- o The appearance and quality of service at a national cemetery is superior to the appearance and quality of service at a State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery.
- o Other (specify):

Item reworded
Q39. Please choose any of the following reasons to describe why you selected the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery for your loved one's interment. (Mark all that apply)
o My loved one wanted to be interred here. Other family members are interred here.
<ul> <li>The appearance and quality of service at the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery honors my loved one's</li> <li>military service.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery is close and easy to get to. Others</li> <li>recommended the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery.</li> <li>The cost was reasonable to inter my loved one.</li> </ul>
o There is no VA national cemetery conveniently available for the interment of my loved one. o Other
Item changed based on OMB guidance.
Q47. What is your sex? Male
Female
No change
No change
Deleted

No Change	
Item deleted and information gathered in new Q39.	
Replaced with NC and STVC item comparison item:	
Q38. The honor of being interred at a State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery is equivaler to that of being interred at the VA national cemetery.  o Strongly agree  o Agree	t
o Agree o Neither agree nor disagree	
o Disagree	
o Strongly disagree	
Covid Change	
Q8. The committal shelter used for the committal or memorial service was private, clean, and free of safety hazards.	
All applicable regulations followed for site.	
Replaced with NC and STVC item comparison item:	
Q43. Based on your visit(s), the quality of service at the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery compares favorably to the VA national cemetery.  o Strongly agree	
o Agree o Neither agree nor disagree	
o Disagree	
o Strongly disagree	
o Don't know/Not applicable	

Focus of the survey allow for continuous improvement that cemetery staff have control over and implemented by staff.

Replaced with NC and STVC item comparison item:

Q44. Based on your visit(s), the appearance of the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery compares favorably to the VA national cemetery.

- Strongly agree
- o Agree
- o Neither agree nor disagree
- o Disagree
- o Strongly disagree
- o Don't know/Not applicable

Q30. The State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery honors all Veterans and their service to our nation.

- o Strongly agree
- o Agree
- o Neither agree nor disagree
- o Disagree
- o Strongly disagree
- Don't know/Not applicable

Q27. There are sufficient signs within the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery to assist visitors.

Strongly agree

- o Agree
- o Neither agree nor disagree
- o Disagree
- o Strongly disagree
- Don't know/Not applicable

Focus of the survey allow for continuous improvement that cemetery staff have control over and implemented by staff. Items replaced is a global rating,

Q35. Overall, I am satisfied with the information provided to me throughout my experience with the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery.

- o Strongly agree
- o Agree
- o Neither agree nor disagree
- o Disagree
- o Strongly disagree
- o Don't know/Not applicable

Item replaced with a screener for the series of questions that ask respondent to compare State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery with a VA national cemetery.
Q42. Have you visited a VA national cemetery?
Item enhanced and clarified by reference to national cemetery staff.
Q29. The quality of service received from the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery staff is excellent.  o Strongly agree o Agree o Neither agree nor disagree o Disagree o Strongly disagree o Don't know/Not applicable
No Change
Item deleted because the item references multiple attributes which causes a burden to respondent and an implied weighting of attribute for respondent.
Some cemeteries offer access 24/7 so item is not applicable to all sites.
Question format revised for focus on word <i>appearance</i> .  Q24. The <u>appearance</u> of my loved one's gravesite/columbaria is excellent.

No change
Item removed
No change
Item changed to the singular word experience given the global nature of the item.  Q36. Overall, I am satisfied with my experience at the State or Tribal Veterans  Cemetery.
Q33. I would recommend the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery to Veteran families during their time of need.  o Strongly agree o Agree o Neither agree nor disagree o Disagree o Strongly disagree o Don't know/Not applicable
No Change
Q32. I am willing to rely on State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery governments to maintain State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery as national shrines in the future.  o Strongly agree o Agree o Neither agree nor disagree o Disagree o Strongly disagree o Strongly disagree o Don't know/Not applicable

Item changed to the singular word experience given the global nature of the item.
Q37. My experience with the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery exceeded my expectations.  o Strongly agree o Agree o Neither agree nor disagree o Disagree o Strongly disagree o Don't know/Not applicable
Q52. Please use this space to elaborate on any aspect of your experience at the national cemetery you wish to share with us. If your comment is in response to a specific question, please reference the question number.

New Question Number Proposed for 2020	Proposed 2020 Interment Ordering
1	Prior to the time of need, were you aware of the benefits related to burial in a State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery?
2	How did you learn of these benefits <u>prior</u> to your time of need? (Mark all that apply)
3	Prior to the time of need, what do you think is the <u>BEST</u> way for the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery to convey information regarding <u>benefits</u> ? (Select one)

## COMMITTAL Did your loved one have a committal service? 4 Prior to attending the service, to what extent were you informed of the details (e.g., length of service, use of committal shelters) related to the committal service prior to attending the service? 5

6	At the service, did your family have any of the following special needs or requests? (Mark all that apply)
7	Was the cemetery able to accommodate these special needs or requests to your satisfaction?
8	The committal shelter used for the committal or memorial service was private, clean, and free of safety hazards.

9	Overall, how satisfied were you with the committal or memorial service at the VA State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery?
10	If your loved one received military funeral honors, how satisfied were you with the quality of the honors received?
11	Prior to the committal or memorial service for your loved one, did you view the NCA videos illustrating different service options at State and Tribal Veterans Cemeteries?
12	Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: The video(s) helped me understand the burial process at the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery.
13	Was your experience at the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery similar to the videos on service options you viewed?

14	Looking back at your overall experiences with the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery, which items would you have liked more information about? (Mark all that apply)
	If your loved one was NOT

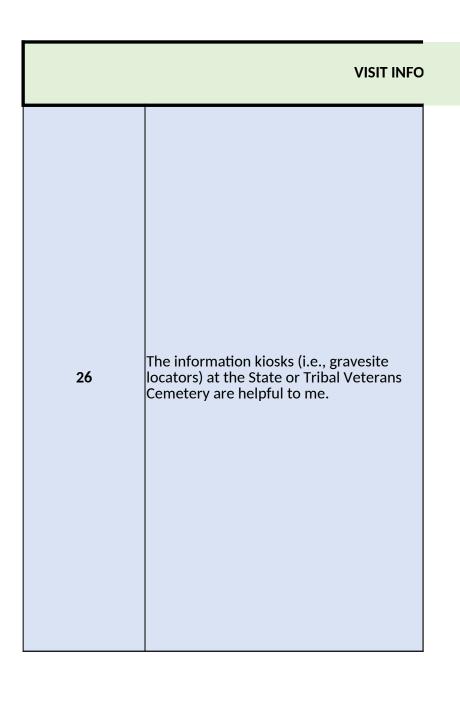
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A Presidential Memorial Certificate referred to as a PMC is Veteran's service. For more information about the www.c

15	If your loved one was a Veteran; did you receive a PMC honoring the Veteran's service?
16	Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: Receiving the PMC at the committal or memorial service rather than receiving it in the mail enhances the meaning of the recognition.
17	Please identify any issues that existed with the PMC that you received.
18	How satisfied were you with the quality of the PMC?

**HEADSTONE, MAKEF** 

19	Were the headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover inscription options explained to you?
20	Did you feel you had sufficient time to make a decision on the headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover inscription?
21	How satisfied were you with the length of time it took for the permanent headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover to be in place?
22	When the headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover arrived, was the inscription accurate?
23	Overall, how satisfied were you with the quality and appearance of the headstone, marker, or columbarium niche cover when it arrived?
24	The <u>appearance</u> of my loved one's <u>gravesite/columbaria</u> is excellent.
25	The <u>upkeep</u> of the <u>headstones, markers,</u> <u>or columbarium niche covers</u> is excellent.



27	There are sufficient signs within the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery to assist visitors.
28	The State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery staff is courteous.
29	The quality of service received from the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery staff is excellent.

### **GLOB**

State or Tribal Veterans Cemeteries are complements to VA' State or Tribal organizations, are expected to be maintained cemeteries operated by the Federal Government. Your answ that.

30	The State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery honors all Veterans and their service to our nation.
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31	I am willing to rely on the State and Tribal Veterans Cemetery to meet the burial needs of Veterans in the future.
32	I am willing to rely on State or Tribal governments to maintain State or Tribal Veterans Cemeteries as national shrines in the future.
33	I would recommend the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery to Veteran families during their time of need.
34	The overall appearance of the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery is excellent.

35	Overall, I am satisfied with the information provided to me throughout my experience with the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery.
36	Overall, I am satisfied with my experience at the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery.
37	My experience with the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery exceeded my expectations.
38	The honor of being interred at a State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery is equivalent to that of being interred at a VA national cemetery.

# STATE OR TRII

39	Please choose any of the following reasons to describe why you selected the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery for your loved one's interment. (Mark all that apply)
40	Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: If I had been able, I would have chosen to inter my loved one at a VA national cemetery rather than the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery.
41	Please choose any of the following reasons to describe why you would have preferred interment in a VA national cemetery rather than a State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery. (Mark all that apply)

# **NATIONAL CEMETERY with STA**

42	Have you visited a VA national cemetery?

43	Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement. Based on your visit(s), the quality of service at the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery compares favorably to the VA national cemetery.
44	Based on your visit(s), the quality of service at the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery compares favorably to the VA national cemetery.

# **BACKGROUI**

45	Since the committal service, how many times have you visited the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery where your loved one was interred?
46	Which of the following factors limit the number of times you visit the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery where your loved one is interred? (Mark all that apply)
47	What is your sex?
48	Are you Hispanic or Latino?

49	What is your race? (Mark one or more)
50	What is your age?
51	In what religious practice was the burial conducted?
52	Please use this space to elaborate on any aspect of your experience at the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery you wish to share with us. If your comment is in response to a specific question, please reference the question number.
	If you would like to be contacted by the cemetery, please write your name and contact information (address or telephone number):

### **Proposed 2020 Response Options**

Yes

No 2 Go to Q3

Family member/friend

Pre-need Burial Eligibility Determination Funeral home

Military discharge-related materials Another Veteran/active duty member State or Tribal/VA/NCA pamphlet, brochure, newsletter State or Tribal/VA/NCA website

State or Tribal/VA/NCA/ social media (Facebook or Twitter) Veterans Service Organization

Other State, Tribal, or VA organization Local newspaper/television news report Public event (e.g., parades, speeches) Professional/military association meeting

### E-mail

State or Tribal/VA/NCA website

State or Tribal/VA/NCA social media (Facebook or Twitter)

Newsletter/flyer

Local newspaper/television news reports Public events (e.g., parades, speeches) Professional/military association meetings Other

OR MEMORIAL SERVICE
Yes, at the time of interment No, there was not a committal service at time of interment due to the pandemic but a follow-up memorial service was conducted at a later date. No, there was not a committal service at time of interment due to the pandemic and there was not a follow-up memorial service at a later time.
GO TO Q11  No, there was not a committal service for a reason other than the pandemic. GO TO Q11
Very informed Somewhat informed Neither informed nor uninformed Somewhat informed Very uninformed

Visit the gravesite View the burial
Specific religious practices (e.g. blessing the gravesite) Specific cultural practice (e.g. spreading placement of earth/soil into the
grave) Additional Seating at the committal service
Handicapped accommodations
No, my family did not have any special needs or requests Go to Q8
Yes, completely Yes, somewhat
No, and I understand why
No, and I do not understand why
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Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know/Not applicable

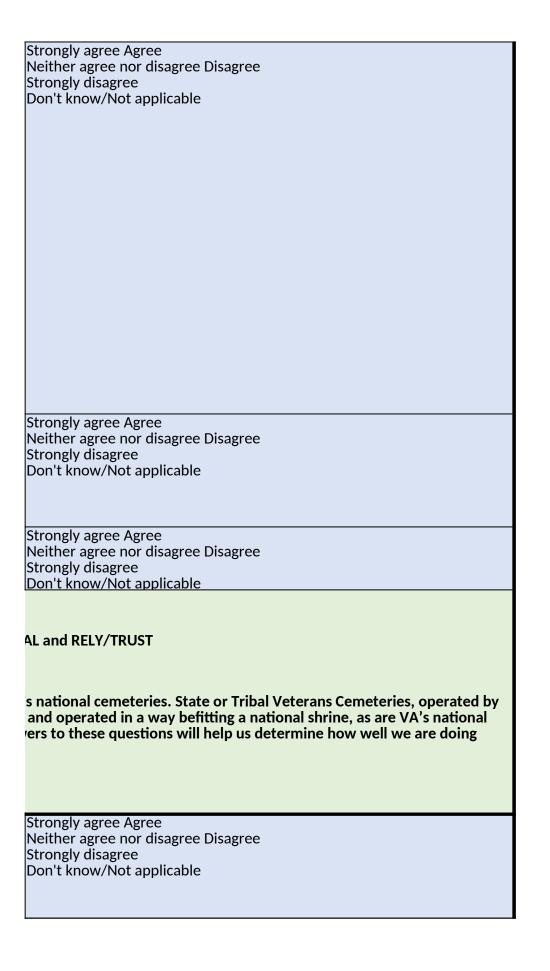
Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied
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Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied My loved one did not receive military funeral honors Not applicable
Yes, I viewed it online Yes, the funeral director provided it No 🏿 go to Q15
Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree
Yes No

o None, I was well informed o Details of the committal or memorial service o Military funeral honors o Location of gravesite o Layout of cemetery (maps) o Directions to cemetery o Presidential Memorial Certificate o Floral policy o Headstone or marker inscription options o Timeline for placement of headstone/marker	
a veteran, please go to Question 19.	
1EMORIAL CERTIFICATE, PMC	
s a certificate signed by the President of the United States honoring the he PMC, or to order more copies, please visit our web page at :em.va.gov/pmc.asp.	

Yes No, GO TO 19
Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know
Not applicable No issues with quality Envelope was bent/torn Misspelled Name Poor print quality Other problem
o Very Satisfied o Somewhat satisfied o Satisfied o Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied o Somewhat dissatisfied o Very dissatisfied o
O, MOLL COVERS AND GROONDS

Yes No
Not sure/don't know
Yes No
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Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied Don't know/the marker or headstone has not yet arrived ② Go to Q25
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Yes No Don't know
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Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied
Strongly agree Agree
Neither agree nor disagree Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know/Not applicable
Strongly agree Agree
Neither agree nor disagree Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know/Not applicable

. AND CEMETERY STAFF
Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know/Not applicable



Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know/Not applicable
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Don't know/Not applicable

#### **BAL VETERANS CEMETERIES**

My loved one wanted to be interred here. Other family members are interred here.

The appearance and quality of service at the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery honors my loved one's

military service.

The State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery is close and easy to get to. Others recommended the State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery.

The cost was reasonable to inter my loved one.

There is no VA national cemetery conveniently available for the interment of my loved one.

Other

- o Strongly agree
- o Agree
- o Neither agree nor disagree Go TO Q42
- o Disagree Go To Q42
- o Strongly disagree Go to Q42
- o Don't know/Not applicable

My loved one wanted to be interred in a VA national cemetery. Other family members are interred in a VA national cemetery. Others recommended the VA national cemetery.

There is no cost to inter my loved one at a national cemetery.

A national cemetery is more prestigious than a State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery.

The appearance and quality of service at a national cemetery is superior to the appearance and quality of service at a State or Tribal Veterans Cemetery.

Other

#### **ITE and TRIBAL CEMETERIES COMPARISIONS**

Yes

No ? Go to Q45

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree	
Don't know/Not applicable	
Strongly agree Agree	
Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know/Not applicable	
ND AND DEMOGRAPHICS	
1-3 times 4-6 times 7-9 times	
10 or more times None, I have not visited	
Distance to the national cemetery Access to transportation Health status	
Other	
Male Female	
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Yes No	

White
Black or African American
American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
Under 18
18 to 29
30 to 39
40 to 49
50 to 59
60 to 69
70 to 79
80 or over
Christian Catholic Muslim Jewish Buddist Hindu Atheist Agnostic None,
Other