



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON
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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, AND
OTHER KEY OFFICIALS

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority

1. DELEGATION.

a. This memorandum delegates to the Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, or the individual acting in or exercising the responsibilities of that position, the authority to determine "[s]uch other persons" eligible for interment in national cemeteries, in accordance with the Secretary's discretionary authority under section 2402(a)(6) of Title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.). This delegation of authority does not extend to determinations related to class designations ("classes of persons"). Such authority continues to reside with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

b. The designation of eligibility is a mission-critical function serving Veterans and their loved ones who are not otherwise covered by 38 U.S.C. § 2402. This delegation creates efficiency in the determination of burial eligibility, and promotes advocacy for Veterans and their loved ones.

2. AUTHORITY. Title 38 U.S.C. §§ 512 and 2402(a)(6) (2015).

3. RESTRICTIONS. None.

4. REDELEGATION. The Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs may not further delegate this authority.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This delegation of authority is effective upon signature.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert A. McDonald".

Robert A. McDonald