



## Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for August 2010

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### Medallion for Private Cemeteries-



- Those deceased Veterans who are not buried in a government cemetery are entitled to a medallion to affix to a purchased headstone in a private cemetery.
- In place of a government headstone or marker, a medallion can be received for anyone deceased after Nov. 1, 1990.
- Veterans buried in a government run cemetery will receive the issued marker for that cemetery.

"For Veterans not buried in a national or state Veterans cemetery, or those without a government grave marker, VA is pleased to offer this option that highlights their service and sacrifices for our country," said Secretary Shinseki.

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### PTSD Linked with Dementia-

A recent study concluded that more veterans coming back from Afghanistan and Iraq are at a higher risk for developing dementia in their later years. It has affected 17% of those who have returned. These results came after a 7-year study including those with PTSD and those without. "Stress may damage the hippocampus or cause alterations in neurotransmitter and hormone levels that could precipitate dementia." For those with PTSD, it is extremely important to seek assistance to minimize the risk for future issues.

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### VA Covering Stress Disorder-

- VA will eliminate the necessity to provide documents which support PTSD such as bomb blasts or mortar attacks because they are very time consuming and difficult to find.
- This covers those who were not in combat but still suffered psychological distress to claim PTSD.
- The only conditions are that the veteran shows that they were in a war zone and their trauma was consistent with the activities they performed.

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