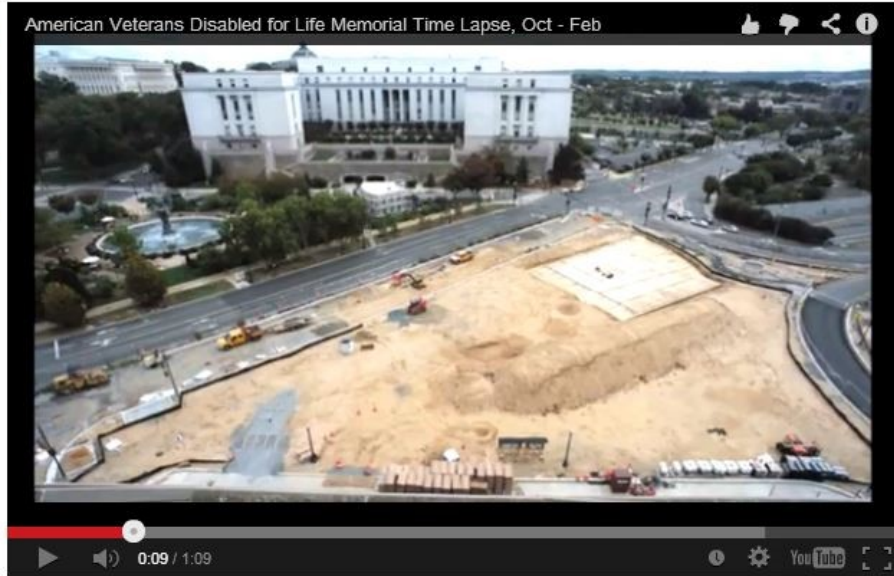


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Until now. Later this year, the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial at the base of Capitol Hill will be dedicated. President Obama has been invited to participate.

In the works for 15 years, the Bill Clinton administration-approved memorial is a tribute to the 3 million veterans living with disabilities and millions of those who have died. The dedication is set for Oct. 5, the memorial foundation announced Wednesday.

"This memorial will serve to remind all of us now, and for generations to come, about the human costs and sacrifices made in war," said Lois Pope, the Florida philanthropist who conceived the memorial nearly two decades ago.

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The memorial will feature granite and glass, four bronze sculptures and a ceremonial flame.

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