

American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial Launches Virtual Walking Tour

Visitors Can Experience the Nation's Newest Memorial Remotely while GPS-Enabled "Hot Spots" Act as Virtual Tour Guides for On-Site Visitors

WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES, October 1, 2015 /EIN Presswire.com/ -- Commemorating the first anniversary of the opening of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial in Washington D.C., Foundation President Dennis Joyner today announced the launch of a state-of-the-art virtual walking tour of the Memorial. The virtual tour provides a narrated video walking tour, 360-degree panorama videos and photo galleries of the Memorial site. The narration acts as a virtual tour guide, providing commentary on the themes and symbolism of the Memorial as well as descriptions of the design elements within the site. The tour can be viewed at www.avdlm.org.

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The virtual tour can be accessed via the Internet from anywhere in the world on computers, smartphones, tablets, social platforms and any digital device with access to the web. The tour will soon be available on iOS or Android mobile apps. The tour provides a real-life experience for people who are unable to visit the Memorial. For those on the site, the narration is GPS-enabled so visitors can learn about the history and background of the Memorial as they encounter "hot spots" that activate the narration. The tour was produced by YouVisit, a cutting-edge virtual tour and virtual reality platform.

Since its dedication on October 5, 2014, thousands have visited the Memorial in Washington, D.C., paying tribute to America's disabled veterans, their families and caregivers. President Barack Obama led an assembly of more than 3,000 disabled veterans, veterans, guests and dignitaries on October 5, 2014 for the dedication of the Memorial, the first such tribute in the nation to specifically honor veterans who were injured in military conflicts throughout the nation's history. The Memorial was completed 14 years after President Bill Clinton signed the federal legislation approved by Congress into law in October 2000.

Situated on a 2.4-acre triangular site adjacent to the U.S. Botanic Garden and south of the U.S. Capitol, the Memorial was designed by landscape architect Michael Vergason. Through his design, the Memorial conveys a combination of strength and vulnerability, loss and renewal. Its focal point is a star-shaped fountain with a single ceremonial flame, which flows into a triangular-shaped reflecting pool. A grove of trees beside the pool signifies hope. Three walls of laminated glass panels with embedded text and photographs and four bronze sculptures by noted sculptor Larry Kirkland, display the universal story of disabled veterans' pride of service, trauma of injury, challenge of healing and renewal of purpose.

For more information on the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial or to make a donation, visit www.avdlm.org.

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Screenshot of the Memorial's Virtual Tour



American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, photo by Eric Long



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American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial - Their Courage Endures

Throughout our nation's history, service men and women have gone bravely into battle, risking their lives and livelihoods, sacrificing their safety to defend America. When their duty is done, many return home to life as it was. Sadly, for over 4 million veterans seriously injured in the line of duty, leaving the battlefield does not mark the end of conflict. These permanently disabled heroes often carry home life-altering disabilities – stern reminders of the price of freedom.

America's disabled veterans have honored us with their service and selfless duty. It is now our turn to honor them.

For the first time, America will pay tribute to some of our most courageous heroes – our disabled veterans. The American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial will celebrate those men and women who may be broken in body – but never in spirit.

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Bronze Sculptures



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