



# The Delaware River and Bay Authority

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### **DRBA Launches New Website for Veterans Memorial Park** *Contains Iconic Memorial Wall Names; Commemorates Park History*

(New Castle, DE) Today, Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) officials introduced the agency's new website for the Veterans Memorial Park complex, home to the War Memorial Wall that bears the names of the nearly 15,000 military personnel from New Jersey and Delaware who perished in the line of duty during World War II and the Korean War. Visitors can access this new site, which contains a list of Memorial Wall names, details on park history, directions to the park as well as information on other monuments, at [www.dmbveteransmemorialpark.com](http://www.dmbveteransmemorialpark.com).

"We wanted to make it more convenient for visitors and veterans to learn about Veterans Memorial Park, its genesis, and the stories behind the many monuments and plaques located on this sacred ground," said Scott Green, Executive Director of the Delaware River and Bay Authority. "It is incumbent upon us to always remember the sacrifices of our veterans who have done so much to protect our freedom and way of life."

"Veterans Memorial Park serves as a place of remembrance and reflection, honoring the lives of our state's heroes," said Delaware Congressman John Carney. "DRBA's new website will enhance the experience of the many families who visit this special place. This resource will help those planning a visit learn more about the memorial, and I commend DRBA's continued efforts to honor these veterans and serve their families."

Green noted that the Authority's own Veterans Committee recommended the agency pursue the website initiative to highlight Veterans Memorial Park and to incorporate the list of names that are forever inscribed on the Memorial Wall in the website. The Veterans Committee is a group of Authority employees who served in the armed forces. They serve as ambassadors at the Veterans Day and Memorial Day services at the Bridge Memorial and meet periodically on issues of mutual interest.

In the near future, the Authority plans to add enhanced features to the website, including the ability to live stream both the Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies as well as the capability for relatives to search the data base of Memorial Wall names for the exact location of their loved one on the wall itself. "For a variety of reasons, some veterans are not able to attend the ceremonies held here each year," Green added. "By live-streaming both Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies on this site, we can bring the services to them." The Authority also hopes to increase participation by veterans groups from New Jersey.

On August 16, 1951, the Delaware Memorial Bridge was dedicated to the brave men and women from Delaware and New Jersey who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country during World War II and the

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Korean War. Four years later, the War Memorial, now known as Veterans Memorial Park, contains numerous monuments, tributes and plaques dedicated to the men and women from both Delaware and New Jersey who bravely and courageously served in the Armed Forces of the United States. The iconic Memorial Wall is the “heart” of Veterans Memorial Park and serves as a lasting tribute of respect and remembrance.

Since its dedication in 1955, the War Memorial, now known as Veterans Memorial Park, hosts special services to commemorate Memorial Day and Veterans Day every year. In fact, the Veterans Memorial Park at the Delaware Memorial Bridge is designated as an official hosting site for such services by the National Veterans Day Committee in Washington, D.C. Veterans Memorial Park is one of 68 such recognized national sites in the United States and its territories. Sponsored by the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, these services on May 30 and November 11 begin at 10:30 a.m.

**About the Delaware River and Bay Authority**

The DRBA, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962, owns and operates the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May- Lewes Ferry, and the Forts Ferry Crossing. The DRBA also manages corporate and aviation properties through its economic development powers - two airports in New Jersey (Millville Airport and Cape May Airport) and three in Delaware (New Castle Airport, Civil Air Terminal and Delaware Airpark). All DRBA operating revenues are generated through the bridge, ferry and airport facilities. For more information, visit [www.drba.net](http://www.drba.net).