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Nation's War Dead Deserve Dignity and Respect

Reports that the remains of deceased service members have been disposed of in a Virginia landfill have raised the ire of many who have served and sacrificed for our nation. The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) strongly believes that our fallen comrades must always be treated respectfully and with dignity. Anything less is outrageous and offensive, and those responsible must be held accountable and be punished for their part in this travesty.

“There must never be a repetition of such a serious lapse of compassion,” said DAV National Commander Donald L. Samuels. “Therefore we are calling on the military to immediately establish and implement an appropriate protocol to be followed when disposing of remains.”

The DAV shares the public outrage over this issue, and to honor the fallen we will maintain our commitment to support and advocate for the surviving families through the services we offer.

The 1.2 million-member Disabled American Veterans, a non-profit organization founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932, represents this nation's disabled veterans. It is dedicated to a single purpose: building better lives for our nation's disabled veterans and their families. More information is available at www.dav.org.

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