#### Department of Veterans Affairs M21-1MR, Part VII, Chapter 5, Section A

**Veterans Benefits Administration September 23, 2013**

**Washington, DC 20420**

#### Transmittal Sheet

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| Changes Included in This Revision | The table below describes the changes included in this revision of Veterans Benefits Manual M21-1MR, Part VII, Burial Benefits and Allowance, Chapter 5, Section A, “Presidential Memorial Certificates.”***Note***: Minor editorial changes have also been made to * update incorrect or obsolete hyperlink references
* update the term “veteran” to “Veteran”
* update obsolete terminology, where appropriate
* clarify Block labels and/or Block text, and
* bring the documents into conformance with M21-1MR standards.
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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation(s) | Page(s) |
| To include as a qualifying death for Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) eligiblity those individuals who died in active service on or after August 6, 2013. This change is per Section 603 of Public Law 112-154, which amended 38 U.S.C. 112.  | Part VII, Chapter 5, Section A, Topic 1, Block a (VII.5.A.1.a) | 5-A-2 |
| To state that the deaths of individuals convicted of certain sex crimes are not qualifying deaths for a PMC. This change is per Section 105 of Public Law 112-260, which amended 38 U.S.C. 2411. | VII.5.A.1.c | 5-A-3 |

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