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## Final Salute Ceremony at Culpeper National Cemetery

Date and Time Friday 10/19/2018 2:00pm Event Region Rappahannock-Rapidan Event Type Community event Event Cost \$0.00 Event Description

First Annual "Final Salute" Ceremony at Culpeper National Cemetery will be on Friday, October 19, 2018, at 2 pm EDT in the Culpeper National Cemetery. The purpose of the Ceremony is to honor unaccompanied veterans laid to rest in the Cemetery this past year. Unaccompanied veterans are those who were interred without formal recognition, military honors, or family and friends present. Mr. Matthew Priest, Director of Culpeper National Cemetery, stated: "The importance of our Final Salute Ceremony is to promise that no Veteran dies. We cannot change the inevitable of breath leaving our body for the last time, however, we can ensure the legacy of our Veterans live forever. That is our mission at the National Cemetery Administration and our purpose for this Ceremony."

The public is welcome, and encouraged, to attend to give the unaccompanied veterans the dignity, respect, and honors they earned, and deserve. You can contact Mr. Priest at 540-825-0027 or by email: <u>matthew.priest@va.gov</u>

Please note this is a change from the prior date of this event, due to Hurricane Florence it was postponed to this new date.