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## **Search for Wyoming military deaths since the Vietnam War**

CHEYENNE – The organizing committee for the Wyoming Veterans Memorial Park, in Cody, is preparing to build the final portion of the memorial park. The new area will be dedicated to those who have served in the U.S. military since the Vietnam War and will be called the Freedom Memorial.

Private donors have given generously to support the Memorial Park as well as significant contributions by Gov. Dave Freudenthal and the Wyoming legislature. Gov. Matt Mead and the Wyoming legislature appropriated \$250,000 to complete the memorial.

The Freedom Memorial will consist of a central large monument with spokes radiating to obelisks representing the major conflicts since the Vietnam War. There will be room for expansion if needed. The large monument will list the names of those who died in military service from combat, accidents, illness, or other causes of death.

Unfortunately, a comprehensive list of Wyoming residents who died in military service since the Vietnam War does not exist. The Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum, of Casper, has launched a search to ensure the Freedom Memorial is as complete as possible. The Wyoming Military Department and Wyoming Veterans Commission have maintained lists since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001; however these lists may not be completely accurate.

"We are asking Wyoming folks to help us memorialize Wyoming veterans who have died in service. Please call today so we can have the most accurate listing possible," said Herm Emmett, Wyoming Veterans Commission chairman. "This is a critical project as the Freedom Memorial is scheduled to be dedicated on Sept. 10, 2011."

For more information about the Freedom Memorial, please contact Buck Wilkerson with the organizing committee at 307-272-0098.

The public is invited to provide the names and information of those who have died in military service, who are from Wyoming, since the Vietnam War (1975) to the Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum. Reach the museum by calling 307-472-1857 or email the museum director, John Goss at [john.goss@wyo.gov](mailto:john.goss@wyo.gov).