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For years, a kiosk has stood on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, in awareness of the POW/MIA cause and to welcome all U.S. military veterans and their families to the Mall and Vietnam Memorial. Military pins are sold from the kiosk to tourists, and the funds raised go to the POW/MIA cause and Aleethia Foundation. This foundation uses the money to support the Friday Dinners for the wounded troops recovering at Walter Reed Army and Bethesda Naval Hospital.

The original kiosk caught fire and was destroyed in 2010, so Erick Fletcher, owner and operator of MidAtlantic Contracting in Woodbridge, Va., coordinated with



MidAtlantic Contracting built a kiosk on the National Mall to sell military pins.

Dow Corp., Barron's Lumber, Solar World, EuroStone Craft, RoofCenter, Laticrete and Delmarva Design to create a state-of-the-art kiosk powered by solar panels, which meet requirements of the National Park Service. "Erick's leadership both in his company and community set the example of paying it forward to our nation's heroes," says David Corbin, Fletcher's colleague.

A commission ceremony for the kiosk was held in September 2012 on National POW/MIA Day as declared by President Barack Obama. Local TV, radio and international press coverage followed the event. The kiosk is open 24 hours a day, 365



days a year to meet troops and their loved ones at all times.

"To those who have contributed to this structure go our most heartfelt thanks," Corbin continues. "We recognize the efforts and support of Stephen Wagner, Delmarva Design, Dow Chemical Corp., The Roof Center, Azek Corp., Euro Stone Craft, Laticrete and SS&T Cabinetry. We give special thanks to Barrons Lumber for all their support and assistance during the building of the new kiosk. Our most gracious appreciation goes to Solar World for a self-powered kiosk."

