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VA burial benefits and memorial items

VA burial benefits can help service members, Veterans, and their family members plan and pay for a burial or memorial service in a VA national cemetery. Family members can also order memorial items to honor the service of a Veteran. Find out how to apply for the burial benefits you've earned, and how to plan for a burial in advance or at time of need.

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Get Veterans burial benefits

Eligibility > Find out if you qualify for burial in a VA national cemetery and for other burial honors.

Pre-need burial eligibility determination > Apply for a pre-need eligibility decision letter. This can help you pre-plan for burial in a VA national cemetery, and make the process easier for your family members in their time of need.

Veterans burial allowance > Learn how to apply for a burial allowance to help pay for a Veteran's funeral services, burial, and transportation costs.

Memorial items > Find out how to apply for grave markers, headstones, Presidential Memorial Certificates, and other memorial items to honor a Veteran's service.

Benefits for spouse and dependents (VA DIC) > Learn about getting VA disability benefits for a surviving spouse or a dependent child or parent.

Bereavement counseling > See if you qualify for grief counseling and transition support after the loss of an active-duty Servicemember, Reservist, or National Guard Soldier.



Plan a burial

Schedule a burial for a Veteran or family member > Get step-by-step guidance on how to request and apply for a burial in a VA national cemetery, or in a state or tribal government Veterans cemetery.

Find a national, state, or tribal government Veterans cemetery > Search for national, state, or tribal government Veterans cemeteries.

Request military records (DD214) > View and print documents from your official military personnel file (including your DD214).



More information and resources

VA national cemetery daily burial schedule > Find the date, time, and location of the committal service for the scheduled burial of a Veteran, spouse, or other eligible family member.

VA survivor benefits rates (VA DIC) > View current dependency and indemnity compensation rates for surviving spouses and children.

Parents Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) rates > View current survivor benefit rates for parents.

Replace medals, awards, and decorations > Visit the National Archives website to find out how to request replacement medals, awards, and decorations.

Search historical military records (National Archives) > Visit the National Archives website to research military records from the Revolutionary War to the present.

Veteran grave locator > Find a Veteran's or family member's grave in a VA national cemetery, or in a state or tribal Veterans cemetery.

VA burial benefits FAQ > Find answers to common questions about VA burial benefits and memorial items.

What to expect at a military funeral > Prepare for a military funeral by learning about what happens at a committal service in a VA national cemetery.

Other VA benefits and services

VA Survivors Pension
Find out if you're eligible and how to apply for VA pension benefits as a surviving spouse or child of a deceased Veteran with wartime service.

Beneficiary financial counseling and online will preparation
If you're enrolled in VA life insurance, find out if you can get free financial planning and online will preparation services.

Fiduciary services
Learn how to become a VA fiduciary to handle the financial affairs of a Veteran in need.

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National Cemetery Scheduling Office:
800-535-1117

Headstones and markers:
800-697-6947

VA benefits hotline:
800-827-1000

MyVA411 main information line:
800-698-2411

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