



## Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission

1320 Union Street  
Morris, IL 60450  
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### Veteran Survivor's Worksheet

Veteran's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ City & State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Serial / Service #: \_\_\_\_\_

VA Claim Number: \_\_\_\_\_

VA Insurance File Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Entry into Active Duty: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Separation from Active Duty: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a copy of your veterans discharge document?    YES            NO

If yes, where is it? \_\_\_\_\_

Some of the information you will need to apply for survivor's benefits include:

1. Copy of the veteran's death certificate.
2. Copy of the Veterans Discharge Document (DD 214).
3. Copies of VA award letters for disability compensation or pension benefits.
4. Veterans previous marriages to include spouses name, the date of marriage, the city of marriage, the date the marriage ended and where and why (divorce/death).

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

(copies of marriage and divorce documents are not always needed but having copies is advised)

5. Veteran's current spouse previous marriages; (same information).
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Dependent children's information (under 18 years old), names, date of birth, social security numbers.
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_

7. For grave markers you will need the name and contact information of the cemetery.

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### Veteran Death & Burial benefits:

- Burial in VA National Cemeteries - Burial in a VA national cemetery is available for eligible Veterans, spouses and eligible dependents at no cost and includes the gravesite, grave-liner, opening and closing of the grave, a headstone, and perpetual care as part of a national shrine.
- Headstones, Markers and Medallions - Veterans, active duty service members, and retired Reservists and National Guard service members, are eligible for an inscribed headstone or marker for their unmarked grave at any cemetery; national, state veterans, tribal, or private. VA will deliver a headstone or marker at no cost, the family is responsible for any cost to install the headstone/marker at non-VA cemeteries.
- Presidential Memorial Certificates are available to recognize the military service of honorably discharged deceased Veterans and persons who died in the active military, naval, or air service.
- Burial Flags - Generally, VA will furnish a U.S. burial flag to memorialize Veterans who received other than dishonorable discharge.
- Reimbursement of Burial Expenses - The VA has programs to help with burial and plot expenses; each program has different eligibility requirements. Contact the VA or the Grundy County VAC at 815-941-3152 for more details.

### Survivor's benefits:

- Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) - (DIC) is a tax free monetary benefit paid to eligible survivors of military Service members who died in the line of duty or eligible survivors of Veterans whose death resulted from a service-related injury or disease.
- Parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) - is a tax free income-based monthly benefit for the parent(s) of military Service members who died in the line of duty or Veterans whose death resulted from a service-related injury or disease.
- Survivors' Pension - is a tax-free monetary benefit payable to a low-income, un-remarried surviving spouse and/or unmarried child(ren) of a deceased Veteran with wartime service.
- Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA) - The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Program offers education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of Veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition or of Veterans who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition.
- Home Loans - VA helps Service members, Veterans, and eligible surviving spouses become homeowners. The VA might be able to provide a home loan guaranty benefit and other housing-related programs to help you buy, build, repair, retain, or adapt a home for your own personal occupancy. VA Home Loans are provided by private lenders, such as banks and mortgage companies. VA guarantees a portion of the loan, enabling the lender to provide you with more favorable terms.

### Each VA benefit has specific eligibility requirements

Please contact the Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission, 815-941-3152, we have accredited Veteran Service Officers that can answer your questions about the benefits, the eligibility requirements and assist you with the application process. All of our services are free of charge.



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