As a member of the United States Armed Forces, you served your country with courage and selflessness. Now let your funeral service honor the life you've lived. The Dignity Memorial® network is the right choice for veterans, active military personnel and their families. With more than 2,000 licensed providers in North America, we serve more veterans than any other funeral service provider. We consider it an honor to serve the men and women who served our country.

Whether your need is now or you are making final arrangements in advance, you can count on your Dignity Memorial provider for professionalism, quality and service excellence.

When you choose a Dignity Memorial provider, you’ll receive the caring support and benefits we provide all our families, including:
- Child/grandchild protection plan
- Personal Planning Guide
- Bereavement travel assistance

As a veteran, you may qualify for burial benefits through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). There are many misconceptions about these benefits, however, so it’s important to understand what they include and how to request them. For example, a recent survey shows that 60 percent of veterans mistakenly believe the VA pays funeral, cremation and cemetery expenses for all veterans. In truth, reimbursement of funeral or cremation expenses is limited, and certain restrictions apply.

To help you plan, the Dignity Memorial network created this guide to provide you with useful information about available benefits, military funeral honors, burial in a national or state cemetery, and the importance of prearranging. Also included are detachable forms to use when applying for membership in veteran service organizations and requesting military medals, a U.S. flag, Presidential Memorial certificates, military records and other VA burial benefits.

To complement your VA burial benefits, Dignity Memorial providers offer special pricing and benefits to eligible veterans.

To learn more and to find out if you and your family members qualify for this special pricing, please contact a Dignity Memorial provider. To locate one in your community, call 1-866-508-5834 or visit www.DignityMemorial.com/Veterans and click on the Provider Locator link at the top of the screen.
10 Important Facts about Your VA Burial Benefits

As a veteran you may qualify for certain funeral benefits, but they don’t come automatically. In most cases someone must request them, which can be time-consuming and stressful for your family. Dignity Memorial professionals are available to help you prepare your request in advance.

1. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits do not cover all the funeral or cremation arrangements of honorably discharged veterans. Certain monetary, recognition and service benefits may be available. However, reimbursement for funeral or cremation service expenses is limited and usually only applies when:
   - The Veteran died because of a service-related disability, OR
   - The Veteran was receiving or was entitled to receive a VA pension or compensation at the time of death, OR
   - The Veteran died while hospitalized by VA, or while receiving care under contract at a non-VA facility

   Standard guidelines are provided as an overview, but only the VA can rule on your exact benefits. For exact eligibility requirements, please visit www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits/.

2. You will need documentation to verify military service.
You will normally be required to provide a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty document to verify military service. (Before 1959 it is commonly known as the Report of Separation which includes the documents WD AGO 54-55, NAVPERS 553, NAVMC 78PD or NAVCG 553. After 1950 it is known as the DD 214). All documents are forms of a veteran’s discharge papers.

3. A veteran’s family must request a United States flag.
   Upon the request of the family, a flag is provided by the VA at no cost to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased veteran. Generally, the flag is given to the next of kin. Only one flag may be provided per veteran. An Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes (VA Form 27-2008) must be submitted along with a copy of the veteran’s discharge papers. Flags may be obtained from VA regional offices and most U.S. Post Offices. Your Dignity Memorial provider will help your family request your flag.

4. Military funeral honors ceremonies must be scheduled in advance.
   Upon the family’s request, every eligible veteran may receive a military funeral honors ceremony, which includes the folding and presentation of the United States flag and the playing of “Taps”. The funeral director can request military funeral honors on behalf of the veteran’s family. Your Dignity Memorial provider works with various veterans organizations to assist in the provision of military funeral honors.

5. Veterans’ caskets are not free.
   As a standard policy, neither the VA nor the various branches of service provide a free casket for a deceased veteran, unless death occurs while on active duty. Through our unique relationship with American Legion Departments in specific states and with the Veterans of Foreign Wars nationally, Dignity Memorial providers offer caskets and other merchandise at a discounted price to their members.

6. A “Presidential Memorial Certificate” may be requested.
   Provided through a program initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy, an engraved paper “Presidential Memorial Certificate” signed by the current president is provided to families to honor the memory of honorably discharged, deceased veterans. Eligible recipients, or someone acting on their behalf, may apply in person at any VA regional office or by U.S. mail. Your local Dignity Memorial provider can assist your family in obtaining this certificate.

7. If you choose not to be buried in a VA national cemetery, monetary burial benefits are limited.
   Veterans buried in a private cemetery may be eligible to receive a partial reimbursement for their burial costs. If a death is service-related, benefits up to $2,000 may be paid for burial expenses. In order to receive burial and funeral benefits, as well as plot allowances, there are specific requirements that must be met such as:
   - The Veteran died because of a service-related disability, OR
   - The Veteran was receiving or was entitled to receive a VA pension or compensation at the time of death, OR
   - The Veteran died while hospitalized by the VA, or while receiving care under VA contract at a non-VA facility

   For non-service related deaths occurring on or after October 1, 2018, VA will pay up to $780 toward burial and funeral expenses (if hospitalized by VA at time of death) and a $780 plot-interment allowance (if not buried in a national cemetery). For deaths on or after December 1, 2001, but before October 1, 2011, the VA will pay up to $300 toward burial and funeral expenses and a $300 plot-interment allowance. For deaths on or after December 1, 2001, but before October 1, 2011, the VA will pay up to $780 toward burial and funeral expenses (for Veterans hospitalized by the VA at the time of death).

   An annual increase in burial and plot allowances for deaths occurring after October 1, 2011 begins in fiscal year 2013 based on the Consumer Price Index for the preceding 12-month period. The final amounts will be determined by eligibility and are at the discretion of the VA.
In order to determine the final reimbursement amount, an Application for Burial Benefits (VA Form 21-530) must be submitted within two years from the date of the veteran's permanent burial. If your family does not have the Form 21-530 at the time of death, your Dignity Memorial provider will help secure one.

There are eligibility requirements for burial in a VA national cemetery.

Any member of the Armed Forces who dies while on active duty or any veteran who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable is entitled to burial in a VA national cemetery. Under certain conditions, the surviving spouse and minor children of an eligible person may also be entitled to this benefit.

The survivors of an eligible veteran or member of the Armed Forces may be eligible for interment in a national cemetery even if that veteran was not buried or memorialized in a national cemetery.

VA national cemeteries pre-need eligibility determinations

The VA now provides eligibility determinations for interment in a VA national cemetery prior to the time of need. Through the Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility Program, upon request, individuals can learn if they are eligible for burial or memorialization in a VA national cemetery.

Interested individuals may submit VA Form 40-10007, Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial, to a VA National Cemetery, and supporting documentation, such as a DD Form 214, to the VA National Cemetery Scheduling Office by: toll-free fax at 1-855-840-8259; email to EligibilityPreNeed@va.gov; or mail to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151.

VA will review applications and provide written notice of its determination of eligibility. VA will save determinations and supporting documentation in an electronic information system to expedite burial arrangements at the time of need. Because laws and personal circumstances change, upon receipt of a burial request, VA will validate all pre-need determinations in accordance with the laws in effect at that time.

In addition, non-veteran parents may be interred in a national cemetery with their child if that child was killed in combat and has no other eligible survivors. In order for such burial to occur, an official must determine that there is available space.

Burial in a VA national cemetery includes:

- An assigned gravesite (if space is available)
- A government headstone or marker
- Opening and closing of the grave
- Perpetual care at no cost to the family
- A grave liner for casketed remains
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- A government headstone or marker
- Opening and closing of the grave
- Perpetual care at no cost to the family
- A grave liner for casketed remains

Cremated remains are buried or interred in VA national cemeteries in the same manner and with the same honors as casketed remains.

If you are considering burial in a VA national cemetery, you should be aware of the following:

- You may not reserve space in a VA national cemetery ahead of time.
- VA national cemeteries only allow arrangements to be made at the time of need, so there is no guarantee that spouses or other family members will be interred side by side or even nearby.
- Burials in VA national cemeteries are usually not conducted on weekends.

We work with national cemeteries throughout the U.S. to provide funeral services for eligible veterans.

Burials in Arlington National Cemetery require a special knowledge of protocol and logistics. Our established firms in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area have knowledgeable staff with years of experience coordinating these ceremonies. To ensure the highest quality of service, Dignity Memorial providers will transfer responsibility for all Arlington National Cemetery services to these experienced professionals.
The Gift of Planning
Your Life, Your Legacy

Planning your final arrangements is a responsible decision and is one of the most caring gifts you can give your loved ones. By planning today, you can help to spare your family from difficult decisions at an emotional time and can make your own personal wishes known.

When you plan your funeral or cremation service in advance, you can learn about options and costs. You’ll be able to select funeral or cremation services meaningfully to you and your family while properly honoring your military service.

Our arranged services are fully transferable and will be honored by any provider in the Dignity Memorial network should you move to a different area. This Dignity Memorial Planning Guide will help you begin the planning process, and we are here to answer any questions you and your loved ones might have.

Celebrating your life, honoring your wishes. Every life is different, and your service should reflect that. In addition to incorporating religious or cultural traditions that are important to you, we’ll help you create a custom service that reflects your wishes and honors the life you lived.

Protection from rising costs. Because government burial benefits for veterans are limited, you are likely to incur out-of-pocket expenses. By planning your funeral or cremation service today, you benefit from purchasing at today’s prices. Planning now also helps you keep your financial commitment to a comfortable level while reducing the financial and emotional burden placed on your surviving family members.

The Dignity Difference
When you choose a Dignity Memorial provider, you’ll receive the compassionate care you expect from a locally operated establishment along with the value you deserve from the largest network of funeral homes and cemeteries in North America. Our commitment to you always includes these benefits and services, which only Dignity Memorial providers offer.

Bereavement Travel Services
On a moment’s notice, dedicated travel specialists will seek the best available airfares as well as hotel accommodations and car rentals for your family and friends to attend a funeral or memorial service. There is a nominal fee associated with the issuance of an airline ticket.

The Compassion Helpline
The Compassion Helpline offers families unlimited complimentary phone access to professional grief counselors for 13 months after services are provided by any Dignity Memorial provider throughout North America. In addition, anyone who attends a visitation, chapel or memorial service will have three months of access to the Compassion Helpline.

National Transferability
Should you move more than 75 miles from where your original arrangements were made, your funeral services will be honored by any Dignity Memorial provider in North America.

100% Service Guarantee
The Dignity Memorial network is the only family of funeral homes and cemeteries that measures the voice of every customer through our customer satisfaction program, administered by J.D. Power. We are fully committed to service beyond expectation and if there is anything we can do to better serve you before, during or after the service, let us know.

Dignity Memorial Guidance Series
Our guidance series lends support to those coping with grief. Professional advice and compassionate insight are available in an extensive selection of books, DVDs, CDs and in our online Resources Library.

Start planning today.
Consider the following questions to help you plan a service that’s right for you:

• Would you like a traditional or a simple, less elaborate service?
• What military protocols or traditions, if any, do you want incorporated into your service?
• Do you prefer cremation or burial?

• Will the service take place at a funeral home or place of worship?
• Will it be a private family service, or open/opened to all?
• Will there be a visitation for family and friends or a private family gathering?
• What type of casket or cremation container do you want?

• Will the casket be open or closed?
• How much would you like to pay for your services?
• What type of memorial or headstone would you prefer?
• Do you want your military service reflected on your headstone?
Supporting Our Communities

In addition to compassionately serving families during their time of need, we are committed to the communities where we live, work and raise our families. We proudly sponsor two community programs dedicated to honoring those who serve.

Dignity Memorial Homeless Veterans Burial Program

The Dignity Memorial Homeless Veterans Burial Program provides burial services for eligible homeless and indigent veterans to ensure they receive the honors in death that their service in life merited. The program has provided burial services for more than 1,700 homeless veterans.

Founded upon the belief that every veteran deserves a dignified and honorable burial, the Dignity Memorial Homeless Veterans Burial Program is a cooperative effort among Dignity Memorial funeral, cremation and cemetery service providers, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, local medical examiners, coroners, veterans advocates and veterans organizations.

Through the program, homeless and indigent veterans who have no family to claim them are identified and provided with a proper military burial. Dignity Memorial providers donate preparation of the body, transportation, clothing, casket and coordination of the funeral service. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provides eligible veterans with opening and closing of the gravesite, a grave liner, a headstone or marker, a graveside ceremony and burial in a national cemetery.

Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall

The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall is a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The faux-granite replica stands 240 feet long and eight feet high and is inscribed with the names of the 58,272 American men and women who gave their lives or are listed as missing in Vietnam. The Wall has traveled the U.S. in memory of those who have given their lives for freedom. After more than 20 years in circulation, the Wall has been retired. It is now permanently on display at the National Infantry Museum in Fort Benning, Ga., where it was formally dedicated on Veterans Day in 2017.

Questions? Visit www.DignityMemorial.com/Veterans or call 1-866-508-5834
Membership Information

Your service organization membership can repay you and your family many times over.

The Dignity Memorial network is proud to partner with two leading veterans service organizations to bring significant savings and benefits to members in good standing.

As a member, you will be eligible to receive:

• A 10% savings* on all Dignity Memorial funeral or cremation services and merchandise offered by your local provider, plus:
  • Flag case specially designed for your government-issued United States flag
  • Aftercare® Planner that eases the burden on your loved ones by providing them with a system for completing and submitting all the paperwork involved in organizing and closing your estate
  • Compassion Helpline® offering trained grief counselors to assist your immediate family members whenever they need support and insight, for 13 months after services are provided
  • Bereavement travel program and grief management materials
  • Dignity Memorial 100% service guarantee that ensures your family’s complete satisfaction with the services provided

*10% average does not apply to cash advance items and void where prohibited by law. On already discounted Dignity Memorial plans, eligible veterans are entitled to the greater of the two discounts. Credit and free exclusive benefits not available to family members other than spouse.

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Membership in the American Legion also gives you added savings, discounts and family-protection benefits including:

- Job placement assistance
- A full year’s subscription to the monthly American Legion magazine
- Discount rates on thousands of hotels and motels, car rentals, and moving expenses
- Full eligibility to participate in American Legion members-only insurance plans
- Additional discounts through the American Legion’s prescription drug plan

Legionnaires are also heavily involved with community activities ranging from hospital services and blood drives to youth programs such as Boy Scouts, American Legion Baseball, scholarships and the annual American Legion Boys State/Boys Nation programs.

More important than material benefits, your membership in the American Legion honors the other men and women who have sacrificed so much for our country. It’s one of the best ways to help preserve programs that benefit you, our nation and our fellow veterans.

Membership Eligibility
You can become a member of the American Legion if you are on active duty today, serving honorably, anywhere in the world, or have served honorably during any eligible war era:

- April 6, 1917 — November 11, 1918 (World War I)
- December 7, 1941 — December 31, 1946 (World War II)
- June 25, 1950 — January 31, 1955 (Korean War)
- February 28, 1961 — May 7, 1975 (Vietnam War)
- August 24, 1982 — July 31, 1984 (Lebanon/Grenada)
- December 20, 1989 — January 31, 1990 (Panama)
- August 2, 1990 — today (Gulf War/Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq)

Please see page 19 for the American Legion membership application form.

For those of us who have served in time of war, there is a bond that cannot be broken. Our lives and our backgrounds can be as different as night and day, but we are joined by our experiences that are uniquely ours. We are joined by an organization founded to serve us only with privileges and benefits we have earned with blood, sweat and courage.

In 1919, the United States Congress approved the charter of the American Legion as an organization of veterans. Some American Legion members served overseas during wartime while others served stateside. Yet all served during periods defined by Congress as wartime service. The support your American Legion membership gives to our brave young men and women on active duty is paramount.

Membership entitles veterans, active-duty personnel and families to:

- Professional help in obtaining full medical, educational, and insurance benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs
- Assistance in preparing VA claims and getting accurate information concerning financial services
- Professional representation of veterans interests in Congress by staff in Washington, D.C., who are fighting for legislation that protects the benefits of all veterans and their families
- Discount rates on thousands of hotels and motels, car rentals, and moving expenses
- Full eligibility to participate in American Legion members-only insurance plans
- Additional discounts through the American Legion’s prescription drug plan

The American Legion is a powerful voice in Washington dedicated to preserving the rights we’ve all earned—and were promised—by service to our nation in uniform.

Membership brings an impressive array of benefits. The American Legion is always there for you and your family—in Washington and at nearly 15,000 local posts throughout America and abroad. Just like you, the Legion is “Still Serving America!”

The American Legion is veterans just like you, nearly three million strong, who care about America, veterans, their families and our nation’s youth. The Legion is a powerful voice in Washington dedicated to preserving the rights we’ve all earned—and were promised—by service to our nation in uniform.

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About The VFW
There are nearly 1.6 million members of the VFW and its auxiliaries in more than 6,200 VFW Posts around the world. It is at heart an organization dedicated to providing a place for all of those who have sacrificed in our nation’s conflicts abroad. While the VFW is a national organization, it expresses this dedication through local Posts and programs that support veterans, service members and their families.

VFW Mission
To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military, and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

Veteran Advocacy:
Full-Time Support for Veterans National Veterans Service: The VFW provides full-time support to veterans and their families. VFW Service Officers are professional, full-time advocates who are experts at helping veterans (members and non-members alike) with their Veterans Administration claims. They can be found at every VA medical center and can also be reached at 1-800-VFW-1899. VFW Service Officers help veterans claim billions of dollars annually in benefits and compensation from VA. Every veteran (including those in the process of leaving the military) should speak to a service officer to ensure he or she receives the benefits they deserve.

National Legislative Services: The VFW works for veterans on Capitol Hill. The VFW Washington, D.C. office has a fulltime staff to monitor, lobby and report on legislation that directly impacts the veteran community.

Support to Troops and Families: Answering the Call to Assist Our Nation’s Defenders
Scholarship
Help A Hero Scholarships — developed in conjunction with Sport Clips — help veterans and service members continue their education without incurring excessive student loan debt with awards of $5,000. VFW gives over $3.3 million annually in Voice of Democracy scholarships to high-school students and Patriot’s Pen awards and incentives to middle school students. Candidates are nominated at the Post level and compete at the state and national levels. Finalists are invited to VFW ceremonies in Washington, D.C.

Community Programs: Giving Back to Towns and Neighborhoods
The VFW promotes programs that help build local communities. Though it maintains a national presence, the VFW is a grassroots organization. A VFW Post is not a building—it is the people inside. VFW programs are geared toward helping veterans (members and non-members alike) with their Veterans Administration claims. They can be found at every VA medical center and can also be reached at 1-800-VFW-1899. VFW Service Officers help veterans claim billions of dollars annually in benefits and compensation from VA. Every veteran (including those in the process of leaving the military) should speak to a service officer to ensure he or she receives the benefits they deserve.

VFW Unmet Needs helps service members and their families who face unexpected financial difficulties, often as a result of unexpected or extended deployments. Military families can apply for grants of up to $1,500 to cope financially and get through tough times.

VFW Military Assistance Program works to give troops and military families the help they need during long deployments and when they return. The program sponsors morale-boosting sendoffs and homecomings for troops and their families. These events—which often include free entertainment, food and other festivities—are held at military bases across the nation as well as at local VFW Posts.

Community Programs: Giving Back to Towns and Neighborhoods
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Community service takes many forms from volunteering at local VA hospitals to volunteering in community clean-ups. VFW members volunteer 9.8 million hours annually in their communities. The VFW also offers recognition to leaders in the community. These awards go to teachers, police officers, firefighters, and emergency response personnel who have distinguished themselves through their dedication and service.

Discharges during and immediately after World War II have a section on the back listing earned medals and decorations. Persons discharged later received a DD-214, Report of Separation form, which has a space showing medals and decorations.

Please see page 21 for the VFW membership application form or apply online: www.vfw.org/join

Membership Eligibility
There are three requirements for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States:

- U.S. citizenship
- Honorable military service; and
- Service entitling the applicant to the award of a recognized campaign medal or as set forth in the Congressional Charter and/or VFW bylaws.

Checking eligibility is relatively simple—assuming the first two requirements are met. An applicant must have served overseas and earned a campaign medal, service medal or insignia recognized by the VFW. (The only exceptions are a combat action ribbon or imminent danger pay for service in Korea after June 30, 1949.)

Lost separation documents can be replaced by completing and submitting Standard Form 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records, included in this Veterans Planning Guide. Contact the VFW national membership department if you feel you have qualifying experience not listed.

Questions? Visit www.DignityMemorial.com/Veterans or call 1-866-508-5834
There are three qualifiers for membership in the VFW, as set out in our By-Laws. An individual must meet all three in order to become a member. They are as follows:

1: Citizenship – must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. National.

2: Honorable Service – must have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and either received a discharge of Honorable or General (Under Honorable Conditions) or be currently serving.

3: Service in a war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters. This can be proven by any of the following:
   - An authorized campaign medal (see other side for a list of qualifying medals and badges)
   - Receipt of Hostile Fire Pay or Imminent Danger Pay (verified by a military pay statement)
   - Service in Korea for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days

This information is usually available through a veteran’s DD-214. If other information is needed or if a veteran’s DD-214 is not complete, they can contact the National Personnel Records Center at 314-801-0800 or online at http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/ to request more information.

It is imperative that we verify the eligibility of every member that signs up for the VFW, not only to comply with our By-Laws but also to maintain the integrity of the organization. If you have questions concerning membership eligibility, please contact the National Headquarters at 1-888-JOIN-VFW or via email at membership@vfw.org.

For further information on VFW eligibility, please consult Section 101 of the VFW By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.

For a full list of campaign medals that qualify an individual for VFW membership, please consult Section 101 of the VFW Manual of Procedure.

- China Service Medal
- American Defense Service Medal
- European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
- American Campaign Medal
- Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
- Army of Occupation Medal
- Navy Occupation Service Medal
- Korean Service Medal
- Navy Expeditionary Medal
- Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal
- Kosovo Campaign Medal
- Combat Infantryman Badge
- Combat Medical Badge
- Combat Action Ribbon
- Air Force Combat Action Medal
- Combat Action Badge
- SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia
- Korea Defense Service Medal
- Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal
- Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal
- Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon WITH GOLD BORDER
- Korea Duty (Service in Korea for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days)
- Hostile Fire Pay or Imminent Danger Pay

For any questions regarding VFW eligibility, please contact the Membership Department at membership@vfw.org or by calling 1-888-JOIN-VFW (564-6839) for assistance.
The American Legion Membership Application

YES! I’ll help my fellow veterans by becoming a member of The American Legion. I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked below and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably. Please send my current membership card and my free “Branch of Service” lapel pin.

Please check method of payment:

☐ My $25.00 check or money order is enclosed.

☐ Bill my credit card for $25.00. (See box at right)

Please check applicable “Dates of Service” and “Branch of Service”:

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Please tell us how/where you heard about The American Legion and if you have any questions:

Questions? Visit www.DignityMemorial.com/Veterans or call 1-866-508-5834

Please return completed application to:

The American Legion
Remittance Processing
P.O. Box 7017
Indianapolis, IN 46207
American Legion Membership Mail-In Application

Cardholder's Name: _______________________________ Amount to be charged: $_____________________
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PAYMENT INFORMATION

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United States. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to verify my eligibility for membership.
Signature of Applicant: ____________________________________ Date: ____________________________

VERIFICATION & SIGNATURE

I certify that by forwarding this application I am a citizen or national of the United States of America and that I have confirmed my eligibility for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to verify my eligibility for membership.
Signature of Applicant: ________________________________

Mail to: Membership Department, VFW National Headquarters, 406 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111
Questions? Call (888) JOIN-VFW (888-564-6839) or email us at membership@vfw.org

Life Membership (installment plan)
Please send me an invoice for my 11 monthly installments towards Life Membership.
I would like to enroll in the Automatic Payment Plan.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP INSTALLMENT PLAN

Delinquencies will be handled as follows:
Up to 30 days – continue to bill
31-60 days – member is dropped from Installment Plan, all monthly payments made to date, are applied to future years.
More than 60 days – delinquency can be corrected through make up payment(s) or plan end date pushed forward.
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MAILING ADDRESS

Cardholder’s Name: _______________________________ Amount to be charged: $_____________________
Card Number: ____________________________________ Expiration Date: ____________________________

E-mail: __________________________ Phone: __________________________

Birthday: __________________________ Social Security #: __________________________

SERVICE INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP TYPE (please select one)

 ANNUAL ($45.00)
 Bill me annually for my membership.
 I would like to enroll in the Automatic Payment Plan.

 LIFE MEMBERSHIP (installment plan)
Please send me an invoice for my 11 monthly installments towards Life Membership.
I would like to enroll in the Automatic Payment Plan.

 LIFE MEMBERSHIP (one-time)

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check/Money Order
Mastercard
Visa
Discover
AMEX

Cardholder’s Name: _______________________________ Amount to be charged: $_____________________
Card Number: ____________________________________ Expiration Date: ____________________________

E-mail: ______________________________________ Phone: _____________________________________

Mail form to: Membership Department, VFW National Headquarters, 406 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111
To obtain initial issue or replacement medals you must submit a written request for the medals. Complete this form and mail to the National Personnel Records Center, 1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, MO 63138.

IF YOU ARE REQUESTING MEDALS FOR YOURSELF, COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

Print the name of the veteran who earned the medals: _______________________________________________

I request that I be issued all award emblems I am entitled to.

☐ Attached is a copy of my separation document (DD 214 or equivalent).

☐ In lieu of my separation document I am providing the following information:

Branch of service: ☐ Army ☐ Navy ☐ Air Force ☐ Marines ☐ Coast Guard

Approximate date of release from service: __________________________

My Social Security number is: ______________________________________________________________________

My service number was: ___________________________________________________________________________

Date and place of birth: ____________________________________________________________________________

Name: Last ________________________ First __________________ M.I. ___________________________________

Mailing address: __________________________________________________________________________________

Contact information: Phone ________________________ Email  _________________________________________

Signature _________________________________________________ Date  _________________________________

IF YOU ARE NEXT-OF-KIN REQUESTING MEDALS, COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

Your relationship to the veteran:

☐ Parent ☐ Spouse ☐ Son/daughter ☐ Other  ______________________________________________________

Your contact information: Phone ___________________ Email  __________________________________________

Your mailing address: ______________________________________________________________________________

☐ Attached is a copy of the separation document (DD 214 or equivalent).

☐ In lieu of the separation document I am providing the following information:

Branch of service: ☐ Army ☐ Navy ☐ Air Force ☐ Marines ☐ Coast Guard ___________________________

Approximate date of release from service:  ___________________________________________________________

Please complete the following information about the veteran:

Name: Last _________________________________________ First _______________________ M.I. _____________

Social Security number: ____________________________________________________________________________

Service number: __________________________________________________________________________________

Date of death: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Date and place of birth: ____________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________________________________

Other options:

1) You may also complete Standard Form 180 and in Section II, check the box labeled “other” and state you request issuance of awards.

2) You may also request military medals online at www.archives.gov

Guide to writing for your Military Medals

Questions? Visit www.DignityMemorial.com/Veterans or call 1-866-508-5834
### Military Funeral Honors Information Sheet

This information confirms the telephone conversation on _____________________________ between ________________________________ and ____________________________________.

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**SECTION III: DECEASED INFORMATION** *(Obtained from discharge papers)*

In accordance with the Department of Defense program "Honoring Those Who Served," please provide the appropriate military funeral honors ceremony on behalf of the following deceased veteran:

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Military Status: *(Check One)*

- Veteran Retired
- Veteran
- Medal of Honor Recipient
- General Officer

Attached is a copy of *(Check One)*

- DD Form 214 (preferred)
- Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty
- Other discharge document showing other than dishonorable service

**SECTION IV: CEREMONY INFORMATION**

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SECTION I - INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING VA FORM 40-0247, PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE REQUEST FORM

Military/Discharge Documents: VA recommends that you attach photocopies of readily available supporting documents so that we can make the determination quickly. Documents may include the most recent discharge document (DD Form 214) showing active duty service records other than for training purposes, or active duty for a minimum of 24 continuous months for enlisted Servicemembers after September 7, 1980; for officers, after October 16, 1981, or the full period for which the person was called to active duty. If you are unable to locate copies of military records, apply anyway, as VA will attempt to obtain records necessary to make a determination.

Name of Veteran: DO NOT include nicknames, military rank or civilian title(s).

Name and Mailing Address of Person Requesting Certificate: Provide the full name and complete mailing address to avoid delays in delivery.

We strongly recommend you complete this form online (http://www.cem.va.gov/pmc.asp) and print and sign before you submit your request.

Complete a new VA Form 40-0247 for each additional address where certificates will be mailed to.

Privacy Act Information: VA considers the responses you submit confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). VA may only disclose this information outside the VA if the disclosure is authorized under the Privacy Act, including the routine uses identified in the VA system of records, 175VA41A published in the Federal Register.

SECTION II - VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER INFORMATION

1. NAME OF VETERAN (First, Middle, Last)

2. VETERAN SSN OR SERVICE NUMBER OR VA FILE NUMBER (Required)

SECTION III - PERSON REQUESTING CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

3. NAME OF PERSON REQUESTING CERTIFICATE

4. MAILING ADDRESS OF PERSON REQUESTING CERTIFICATE

5. HOME OR WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)

6. REQUESTOR EMAIL ADDRESS

7. NUMBER OF CERTIFICATES REQUESTED

SECTION IV - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

CERTIFICATION: I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the decedent has never committed a serious crime, such as murder or other offense that could have resulted in imprisonment for life, has never been convicted of a serious crime, and has never been convicted of a sexual offense for which he or she was sentenced to a minimum of life imprisonment.

8. SIGNATURE OF PERSON REQUESTING CERTIFICATE (Required)

SECTION V - MAILING ADDRESS AND FAX NUMBER

PLEASE SEND ANY MILITARY DOCUMENTS AND SIGNED FORM TO:

Presidential Memorial Certificates (41B3)
National Cemetery Administration
5109 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134-3903

Or Fax To: 1 (800) 455-7143

(The blocks below are for official use only)

9. CASE MANAGER NAME

10. PMC ID NUMBER

11. CASE MANAGER EMAIL

VA FORM NOV 2017 40-0247

ALL VERSIONS OF THIS FORM DATED BEFORE MAY 2013 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR PROCESSED.
History
This program was initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and has been continued by all subsequent Presidents. Statutory authority for the program is Section 112, Title 38, of the United States Code.

Administration
The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers the PMC program by preparing the certificates which bear the current President’s signature expressing the country’s grateful recognition of the Veteran’s service in the United States Armed Forces.

Eligibility
Eligible recipients include the next of kin and loved ones of honorably discharged deceased Veterans. More than one certificate may be provided.

Application
Eligible recipients, or someone acting on their behalf, may apply for a PMC in person at any VA regional office or by U.S. mail or toll-free fax. Requests cannot be sent via email. Please be sure to enclose a copy of the Veteran’s discharge and death certificate to verify eligibility, as we cannot process any request without proof of honorable military service. Please submit copies only, as we will not return original documents.

Check the Status
If you have already requested a PMC more than sixteen (16) weeks ago and have not received it yet, please call 1-202-565-4964 to find out the status of your request. Please do not send a second application unless we request you to do so. Veteran Service Officers and Funeral Homes: If you have questions about the status of a request please contact us at 1-202-565-4964 to find out the status of your request. Please do not send a second application unless we request you to do so.

Instructions for Completing Application for Burial Benefits

Under 38 U.S.C., Chapter 23

IMPORTANT - READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION: The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). They may be disclosed outside the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) only if the disclosure is authorized under the Privacy Act, including the routine uses identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22/26: Compensation, Pension, Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records – VA, published in the Federal Register. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law and is required to obtain benefits. Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to determine your eligibility to burial benefits. Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 15 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. If desired, you can call 1-800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.

1. GENERAL
   a. ELIGIBILITY - NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED
      (1) NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED BURIAL ALLOWANCE - A one-time payment for a veteran who was receiving VA pension or disability compensation; would have been receiving disability compensation but for the receipt of military retired pay, or had an eligible pending claim at the time of death.
      (2) SERVICE-CONNECTED BURIAL ALLOWANCE - A one-time payment for a veteran who was rated totally disabled for a service-connected disability or disabilities; excluding individual unemployability, or who died of a service-connected disability.
      (3) VA MEDICAL CENTER DEATH BURIAL ALLOWANCE - A one-time payment for a veteran whose death was not service-connected and who died while hospitalized by VA.
   b. BURIAL ALLOWANCE - A one-time benefit payment payable toward the expenses of the funeral and burial of the veteran’s remains. Burial includes all legal methods of disposing of the veteran’s remains including, but not limited to, cremation, burial at sea, and medical school donation.
   c. PLOT OR INTERMENT ALLOWANCE - A one-time benefit payment payable toward:
      (1) Expenses incurred for the plot or interment if burial was not in a national cemetery or other cemetery under the jurisdiction of the United States; OR
      (2) Expenses payable to a State (or political subdivision of a State) if the veteran died from non-service-connected causes and was buried in a State-owned cemetery or section used solely for the remains of persons eligible for burial in a national cemetery.
      “Plot” means the final disposition site of the remains, whether it is a grave, mausoleum vault, columbarium niche, or similar place. "Interment" means the burial of casketed remains in the ground or the placement of cremated remains into a columbarium niche.
   d. TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES: The cost of transporting the body to the place of burial may be paid in addition to the burial allowance when:
      (1) The veteran died of a service-connected disability or had a compensable service-connected disability and burial is in a national cemetery; OR
      (2) The veteran died while in a hospital, domiciliary or nursing home to which he/she had been properly admitted under authority of VA; OR
      (3) The veteran died en route while traveling under prior authorization of VA for the purpose of examination, treatment; OR
      (4) The veteran’s remains are unclaimed and burial is in a national cemetery.
2. WHO SHOULD FILE A CLAIM - VA may grant a claim that any eligible person files. Upon death of the veteran, VA will pay the first living person to file a claim of those listed below:

(1) The veteran's surviving spouse; OR
(2) The survivor of a legal union* between the deceased veteran and the survivor; OR
(3) The veteran's children, regardless of age; OR
(4) The veteran's parents or the surviving parent; OR
(5) The executor or administrator of the deceased veteran's estate, or person acting for the deceased veteran's estate.

*For purposes of this application, legal union means a formal relationship between the veteran and the survivor that existed on the date of the veteran's death, was recognized under the law of the State in which the couple formalized the relationship, and was evidenced by the State's issuance of documentation memorializing the relationship.

If the veterans remains are unclaimed, VA will pay the person or entity that provided burial services for the remains of an unclaimed veteran.

3. TIME LIMIT FOR FILING A CLAIM - A claim for non-service-connected burial allowance must be filed with VA within 2 years after the date of the veteran's permanent burial or cremation. If a veteran's discharge was corrected after death to "Under Conditions Other Than Dishonorable," the claim must be filed within 2 years after the date of correction. There is no time limit for the service-connected burial allowance, plot or interment allowance, VA hospitalization death burial allowance, or reimbursement of transportation expenses.

4. COMPLETING CLAIM BY A FIRM OR STATE AGENCY - The claim must be executed in the full name of the firm or State agency, and show the official position or connection of the individual who signs on its behalf.

5. PROOF OF DEATH TO ACCOMPANY CLAIM - Death in a government institution does not need to be proven. In other cases, the itemized statement of account must accompany the claim. All receipts for transportation charges should show the name of the veteran, the name of the person who paid, and the amount of the charges. The itemized statement of account should show the charges made for transportation. Failure to itemize charges may result in delay or payment of a lesser amount.

6. SERVICE RECORD - The original or certified copy of the veteran's service separation document (DD214 or equivalent) which contains information as to the length, time, and character of service will permit prompt processing.

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8. TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE - You can call us toll-free within the U.S. by dialing 1-800-827-1000. If you are located in the local dialing area of a VA regional office, you can also call us by checking your local telephone directory. For the hearing impaired, our TDD number is 711.

9. WHERE DO I MAIL MY COMPLETED APPLICATION? - You should mail your application to the VA regional office located in your state. You can obtain the mailing address for VA regional offices by accessing the VA Internet web site at www.va.gov/directory. The address is also located in the government pages of your telephone book under "United States Government, Veterans."

10. IF VETERAN SERVED UNDER NAME OTHER THAN THAT SHOWN IN ITEM 1, GIVE FULL NAME AND SERVICE RENDERED UNDER THAT NAME

11. TIME LIMIT FOR FILING A CLAIM - A claim for non-service-connected burial allowance must be filed with VA within 2 years after the date of the veteran's permanent burial or cremation. If a veteran's discharge was corrected after death to "Under Conditions Other Than Dishonorable," the claim must be filed within 2 years after the date of correction. There is no time limit for the service-connected burial allowance, plot or interment allowance, VA hospitalization death burial allowance, or reimbursement of transportation expenses.

12. IF VETERAN SERVED UNDER NAME OTHER THAN THAT SHOWN IN ITEM 1, GIVE FULL NAME AND SERVICE RENDERED UNDER THAT NAME

NOTE: You can either complete the form online or by hand. Please print information using blue or black ink, neatly, and legibly to help process the form.
PART III - CLAIM FOR BURIAL ALLOWANCE

14A. WHAT KIND OF BURIAL ALLOWANCE REQUESTED (Check one)

☐ Non-Survivor-Connected Claim
☐ Survivor-Connected Claim
☐ VA MEDICAL CENTER CLAIM
☐ OTHER (Specify)

15A. DID YOU INCUR EXPENSES FOR THE VETERAN'S BURIAL?

☐ YES
☐ NO

16A. ARE YOU SEEKING BURIAL BENEFITS FOR THE UNCLAIMED REMAINS OF A VETERAN?

☐ YES
☐ NO

PART IV - CLAIM FOR PLOT OR INTERMENT ALLOWANCE

17A. WAS VETERAN BURIED IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY, OR OWNED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?

☐ YES
☐ NO

17B. WAS VETERAN BURIED IN A STATE VETERANS CEMETERY?

☐ YES
☐ NO

17C. DID A FEDERAL STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAY THE VETERAN'S PLOT OR INTERMENT EXPENSES?

☐ YES
☐ NO

PART V - CLAIM FOR TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT

18A. EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE VETERAN'S REMAINS FROM THE PLACE OF DEATH TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE

☐ YES
☐ NO

18B. EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE VETERAN'S REMAINS FROM THE PLACE OF DEATH TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE (Attach receipt(s) )

PART VI - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

CERTIFY THAT the foregoing statements made in connection with this application on account of the named veteran are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

SIGNATURE OF VETERAN

DATE

WITNESS TO SIGNATURE MADE BY "X"

NOTE - If claimant signed above using an "X", signature must be witnessed by two persons to whom the person making the statement is personally known, and the signatures and addresses of each witness must be shown below.

20A. SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF VETERAN (Sign in ink)

20B. OFFICIAL POSITION OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF VETERAN, CORPORATION OR STATE AGENCY (Please sign in ink)

21. FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION, CORPORATION OR STATE AGENCY FILING AS CLAIMANT

HOW TO SUBMIT A CLAIM

Mail claims to: Memorial Products Service (41B) Department of Veterans Affairs

Quantico, VA  22134-3903

Questions? Visit www.Veterans.com/Veterans or call 1-866-508-5834

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ILLUSTRATIONS OF STANDARD GOVERNMENT HEADSTONES AND MARKERS

UPRIGHT HEADSTONE

LIGHT GRAY GRANITE (G) OR WHITE MARBLE (F)

This headstone is 42 inches long, 13 inches wide and 4 inches thick. Weight is approximately 230 pounds. Variations may occur in stone color, and the marble may contain light to moderate veining.

BRONZE NICHES

Z - BRONZE (B)

This niche marker is 8-1/2 inches long, 5-1/2 inches wide, with 7/16 inch rise. Weight is approximately 3 pounds; mounting bolts and washers are furnished with the marker. Used for columbarium or mausoleum interment. Also provided to supplement a privately-purchased headstone or marker for eligible Veterans who died on or after November 1, 1990 and are buried in a private cemetery.

FLAT MARKERS

SMALL FLAT GRANITE (L)

This grave marker is 18 inches long, 12 inches wide, and 3 inches thick. Weight is approximately 70 pounds. Variations may occur in stone color.

NOTE: Historic headstones (Prior to World War I) - In addition to the headstone and markers pictured, two special styles of upright headstones are available for those who served with Union Forces during the Civil War or for those who served in the Spanish-American War. Another style headstone is available for those who served with the Confederate States of America during the Civil War. Requests for these special styles should be made in block 33 of the claim. It is necessary to submit detailed documentation that supports eligibility. Inscriptions on these headstone types are intentionally limited to assure historic accuracy. For example, only rank above 'Private' was historically authorized, emblems of belief and the words 'Civil War' are not authorized.

MANDATORY ITEMS - Information in English about the decedent (provided by an authorized applicant). Such items are: Legal Name, Branch of Service, Year of Birth, Year of Death, and for State Veterans and National Cemeteries only, the section and grave number. Branches of Service are: U.S. Army (USA), U.S. Navy (USN), U.S. Air Force (USAF), U.S. Marine Corps (USMC), U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), U.S. Army Air Forces (USAAF), and other parent organizations authorized for certain periods of time; and special units such as Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASP), U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS), and National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Different examples of inscription formats are illustrated above. More than one branch of service is permitted, subject to space availability. The phrase "IN MEMORY OF" is a mandatory inscription on all memorial headstones and markers, as required under 38 CFR 38.63(c).

OPTIONAL ITEMS - Information in English about the decedent (provided by an authorized applicant). Optional items are in bold outlines, which includes month and day of birth in block 10A, month and day of death in block 10B, highest rank attained in block 12, awards in block 14, war service in block 16, and emblem of belief in block 17. War service includes active duty service during a recognized period of war and the individual does not have to serve in the actual place of war, e.g., Vietnam may be inscribed if the Veteran served during the Vietnam War period, even though the individual never served in the country. Supporting documentation must be included with the claim if you wish to include the highest rank and/or awards.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS - Information in English or non-English text about the decedent (provided by an authorized applicant), consisting only of characters of the Latin alphabet and/or numbers. Examples of additional items include appropriate terms of endearment, nicknames (in expressions such as "OUR BELOVED POPPY"), military or civilian credentials or accomplishments such as DOCTOR, REVEREND, etc., and special unit designations such as WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS, ARMY AIR CORPS, ARMY NURSE CORPS or SEABEES. All requests for additional inscription items must be stated in block 33 Remarks.

INCOMPLETE OR INACCURATE INFORMATION ON THE CLAIM MAY RESULT IN ITS RETURN TO THE CLAIMANT, A DELAY IN RECEIPT OF THE HEADSTONE OR MARKER, OR AN INCORRECT INSRIPTION.

INSCRIPTION INFORMATION

The 1-800-455-7143 fax line only accepts applications for Government Headstones, Markers, Medallions and Presidential Memorial Certificates. Applications for other Government Benefits will not be accepted.

Include all supporting documents with this application (i.e., DD Form 214 or equivalent discharge document).

IMPORTANT: If you are requesting a replacement headstone or marker due to an incorrect inscription, damage, or non-receipt, please explain in Block 33 Remarks.

To submit multiple application packages: Fax one application package (application plus supporting documents) at a time. You must disconnect the call and redial between each application package. Faxesing several applications without redialing between each one will delay the processing of your applications.

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Department of Veterans Affairs
5109 Russell Road
Quantonc, VA 22134-3903

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If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these data collections, please write to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Comments should be addressed to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce and will be generally accepted for 30 days after the date of this notice.

PRIVACY ACT - VA may consider the responses you submit confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). VA may only disclose this information outside the VA if the disclosure is authorized under the Privacy Act, including the routine uses identified in the VA system of records, 48 V.A.R., published in the Federal Register. VA considers this requested information relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law.

BENEFIT PROVIDED - MEDALLION (Only for eligible deceased Veterans who served in the Armed Forces on or after April 6, 1917, regardless of their date of death).

Furnished upon receipt of claim for affixing to an existing privately-purchased headstone or marker placed at the gravesite of an eligible deceased Veteran who is buried in a private cemetery in a grave marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. Any Servicemember of the Armed Forces of the United States who served on or after April 6, 1917, and died on active duty and was buried in a private cemetery in a grave marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. Please attach a copy of the deceased Veteran’s DD Form 1413 as evidence of their military service. If you are unable to locate copies of military records, apply anyway, as VA will attempt to obtain records necessary to make an eligibility determination. Do not send original records. Service after September 7, 1980, must be for a minimum of 24 months continuous active duty or be completed after April 6, 1981.

This medallion may be given to one or more eligible persons in the following categories:

1. (a) A decedent’s family member, which includes the decedent’s spouse or individual who was in a legal union as defined in 38 CFR 3.1702(e)(ix) with the decedent; a child, parent, or sibling of the decedent, whether biological, adopted, or step relation; and any lineal or collateral descendant of the decedent; (b) A personal representative, defined as a family member or other individual who has identified himself or herself as the person responsible for making decisions concerning the intestate’s remains or memorialization of a deceased individual; (c) A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who is a surviving spouse or parent or other eligible recipient of benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs; (d) A custodian of the remains of the deceased, a surviving spouse or parent or other eligible recipient of benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs; (e) An individual employed by the relevant state, tribal organization, or local government whose official responsibilities include serving veterans and families of deceased veterans; or (f) Any individual who is responsible, under the laws of the relevant state or locality, for the disposition of the unclaimed remains of the decedent for other than disinterment or disposition of remains.

IMPORTANT Additional PMCs may be requested by indicating how many in block 18 of this form. If requesting a headstone or marker, please use the EMBLEM NUMBER shown below are the three medallions with the actual dimensions (+/- 1/32") for width and height.

**LARGE MEDALLION**
Dimensions: 6-3/8" W. x 3-1/4" L. x 1/2" D.

**MEDIUM MEDALLION**
Dimensions: 3-3/4" W. x 2-7/8" H. x 1/4" D.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? - An eligible deceased Veteran discharged under honor conditions, who served in the Armed Forces on or after April 6, 1917, and is buried in a private cemetery in a grave marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. Any Servicemember of the Armed Forces of the United States who served on or after April 6, 1917, and died on active duty and was buried in a private cemetery in a grave marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. Please attach a copy of the deceased Veteran’s DD Form 1413 as evidence of their military service. If you are unable to locate copies of military records, apply anyway, as VA will attempt to obtain records necessary to make an eligibility determination. Do not send original records. Service after September 7, 1980, must be for a minimum of 24 months continuous active duty or be completed after April 6, 1981.

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**SMALL MEDALLION**
Dimensions: 2-1/4" W. x 1-1/2" H. x 1/4" D.
CLAIM FOR GOVERNMENT MEDALLION FOR PLACEMENT IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

IMPORTANT: Please read the General Information Sheet before completing this claim. Type or print all information except for signatures. Higlighting or underlining may result in delayed delivery and processing. Please indicate on each block whether the information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Failure to complete each block may result in delayed processing. PLEASE INCLUDE MILITARY DISCHARGE DOCUMENT(s).

1. PREVIOUSLY PREVIOUSLY DENIED ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL AT A NATIONAL CEMETERY?
   YES NO UNSURE

2. NAME OF DECEASED VETERAN

3. THERE MUST BE A SET HEADING: MAUSOLEUM, OR CRYPT IN PLACE TO AFFIX THE MEDALLION. IS THE GRAVE CURRENTLY MARKED?
   YES NO UNSURE

4. RACE OR ETHNICITY (If you choose more than one, explain. If information will be used for statistical purposes only)
   AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE
   BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
   HISPANIC OR LATINO
   WHITE

5A. BIRTH STATUS (If you choose more than one, explain)
   MALE FEMALE

5B. DATE OF DEATH

6. AGE AT TIME OF DEATH

7. VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NO. OR SERVICE NO.

8. PLACE OF BIRTH

9. DATE OF BIRTH

10A. GENDER (M/F)

10B. DATE(S) SEPARATED

11. VETERAN'S SERVICE AND IDENTIFYING INFORMATION
   (For use in a medallion, i.e. U.S. NAVY, U.S. AIR FORCE, etc. If more than one BOS is selected, it will be spelled out on the medallion, i.e. U.S. NAVY, U.S. AIR FORCE, etc.)
   ARMY
   NAVY
   MARINE CORPS
   COAST GUARD
   MERCHANT MARINE
   NAVY RESERVE
   AIR FORCE
   ARMED FORCES RESERVE

12. PLACE OF DEATH (In City and State or Country)

13. MEDALLION MARKER OF THE DECEASED VETERAN IS LOCATED (That received the unclaimed remains)

14. BURIAL AT A VA NATIONAL CEMETERY?

15. DAYTIME PHONE NO.

16. E-MAIL ADDRESS

17. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CEMETERY WHERE PRIVATELY PURCHASED MARKED?

18. USE THE NEAREST POST OFFICE ADDRESS (No., Street, City, State, and ZIP Code)

19. WOULD YOU LIKE A PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE?
   YES NO

20. IF "YES" HOW MANY?

21. NAME AND DELIVERY ADDRESS FOR MEDALLION MARKER (That received the unclaimed remains)
   (No., Street, City, State, and ZIP Code)

22. DAY TIME PHONE NO.
   (Include Area Code)

23. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN INCAPACITATED OR DISABLY TREATED WHILE HOSPITALIZED?

24. SIGNATURE OF CEMETARY OFFICIAL

25. SIGNATURE OF DECEDENT VETERAN

CERTIFICATION: By signing below I certify the medallion will be affixed to a privately purchased headstone or marker in the cemetery listed in Block 23 at no cost to the government, and that I (or the party listed in Block 24) have read and understand this claim. I also certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the decedent has never committed a serious crime, such as murder or other offenses that could have resulted in imprisonment for life, has never been convicted of a serious crime, and has never been convicted of a sexual offense for which he or she was sentenced to a minimum of life imprisonment.

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Facts about the fire at the National Personnel Records Center’s Military Personnel Records Facility

1. RECORD BLOCKS AFFECTED BY THE FIRE. The July 12, 1973 fire at NPRC destroyed about 80% of the records for Army personnel discharged between November 1, 1912 and January 1, 1960 and about 75% of the records for Air Force personnel with surnames from Hubbard through “Z” discharged between September 25, 1947 and January 1, 1964.

2. A LISTING OF THE RECORDS LOST IN THE FIRE DOES NOT EXIST. When a record cannot be located in the NPRC’s files at the present time, and it would have been in the area most affected by fire damage on July 12, 1973, Center employees often cannot determine for certain if it was burned because:
   1) There were no indices to the blocks of records involved. The records were merely filed in Alphabetic order within each major block.
   2) Millions of records (especially medical records) had been withdrawn from all three Blocks and lent to the Department of Veterans Affairs prior to the fire.

3. ALTERNATE SOURCES OF MILITARY SERVICE DATA. In the event a veteran has no records in his/ her possession, the essential military service data is usually available in alternate sources. The Department of Veterans Affairs, for example, maintains records on veterans whose military records were affected by the fire, if the veteran or his/her family filed a claim prior to July 1973. Other sources of service information include various kinds of “organizational” records such as morning reports, payrolls and military orders at this Center. There is also a great deal of important information available in records of the State Adjutant General and other state “vETERANS service” offices. By using the alternate sources of information which are available at this Center and elsewhere, NPRC employees can often reconstruct the veteran’s beginning and ending dates of active service, the character of the service, rank while in service, times lost while on active duty and periods of hospitalization. For individuals with records still among Department of Defense holdings at NPRC, we can prepare and issue NA Form 13038, Certification of Military Service. That form is the equivalent of DD Form 214, Report of Separation from Active Duty and may be presented in conjunction with applications for veteran’s benefits.

4. DATA NECESSARY TO START THE RECONSTRUCTION PROCESS. Of course, the key to reconstructing military data successfully is to get enough specific information to search the available alternate sources. The information helpful to that process is:
   1) Full name used during Service
   2) Branch of Service
   3) Approximate dates of service
   4) Service number
   5) Place of discharge
   6) Last unit of assignment
   7) Place of entry into service

5. SERVICE, PAST AND PRESENT (For an effective records search, it is important that ALL service be shown below.)
   a. Active
   b. Reserve
   c. State National Guard

6. IS THIS PERSON DECEASED? ☐ NO ☐ YES
   ☐ MIST provide Date of Death if veteran is deceased.

7. DID THIS PERSON RETIRE FROM MILITARY SERVICE? ☐ NO ☐ YES

SECTION II — INFORMATION AND/OR DOCUMENTS REQUESTED

1. CHECK THE ITEMS(you are requesting:

   □ DD Form 214 or equivalent. Year(s) in which form(s) issued to veteran.
   □ This form contains information normally needed to verify military service. A copy may be sent to the veteran, the deceased veteran’s next-of-kin, or other persons or organizations, if authorized in Section III, below. An UNDELETED DD214 is ordinarily required to determine eligibility for benefits. If you request a DELETED copy, the following items will be blacked out:  authority for separation, reason for separation, reinstatement eligibility code, separation (SPD/SPN) code, and, for separations after June 30, 1979, character of separation and dates of time lost. An UNDELETED copy will only UNDELETED COPY is being checked here: ☐ I want a DELETED copy.
   □ Medical Records Include Service Treatment Records, Health (outpatient) and Dental Records. If HOSPITALIZED (inpatient) the FACILITY NAME and Date of Admission (inpatient) and Date of Discharge (inpatient) MUST be provided.
   □ Other (Specify)

2. PURPOSE: Providing information about the purpose of the request is strictly voluntary; however, it may help to provide the best possible response and may result in a faster reply. Information provided will in no way be used to make a decision to deny the request.
   ☐ Benefits (explain) Employment  VA Loan Programs  Medical  Genealogy  Correction  Personal  Other (explain) Explain here:

3. SEND INFORMATION/DOCUMENTS TO: (Please print or type. See item 4 on accompanying instructions.)
   NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER
   1 Archives Drive
   St. Louis, MO 63138-1002
   Customer Service: (314) 801-0808
   FAX: (314) 801-9195
   www.archives.gov/
   General Questions: cpr.center@nara.gov

4. AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE (Specify type of other) I am the military service member or veteran identified in Section I above.
   I am the (DECEASED VETERAN’s NEXT-OF-KIN) (MUST submit Proof of Death. See item 2a on instruction sheet.)
   ☐ I am the VETERAN’S LEGAL GUARDIAN (MUST submit copy of Court Appointment) or AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (MUST submit copy of Authorization Letter or Power of Attorney) or OTHER

5. ADDRESS: (Please print or type. See item 4 on accompanying instructions.)
   Name
   Street
   City State Zip Code
   Signature Required: Do not print
   Daytime phone Fax Number
   Email address

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The various categories of military service records are described in the chart below. For each category there is a code number which indicates the address at the bottom of the page to which this request should be sent. Please refer to the Instruction and Information Sheet accompanying this form as needed.

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- **1319-0029** - 1101 Wooton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100
- **1319-0030** - 1101 Wooton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100
- **1319-0031** - 1101 Wooton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100
- **1319-0032** - 1101 Wooton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100
- **1319-0033** - 1101 Wooton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100

### IMPORTANT

- **Postmark or other mailing service:** Mail this form to the nearest VA regional office. Be sure to complete the stub at the bottom.
- **38 U.S.C. 5701:** Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.
- **a Federal Statute:** The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine entitlement to benefits under the law. The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.
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### INFORMATION ABOUT THE DECEASED VETERAN

- **13. NO DOCUMENTATION OR ATTACHMENT THAT SHOWS THE VETERAN MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:** See Paragraph F of the "Instructions"
- **14. ADDRESS OF PERSON ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FLAG:**
- **15. REMARKS:**
- **16. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:**

### APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES FLAG FOR BURIAL PURPOSES

1. **NAME OF DECEASED VETERAN:**
2. **RELATIONSHIP OF DECEASED VETERAN:**

### ADDRESS FOR VA correspondence service:

- **11. PHONE NUMBER:**
- **12. PHONE NUMBER:**
- **13. PHONE NUMBER:**
- **14. PHONE NUMBER:**

### VA FORMS

- **VA FORM 27-2008, JUN 2018**
- **VA FORM 27-2008, MAR 2015, WHICH WILL NOT BE USED**

### VA REGIONAL OFFICE:

- **21. DATE SIGNED:**
- **22. NAME AND ADDRESS OF POST OFFICE OR OTHER FLAG ISSUANCE POINT:**

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF FLAG (ONLY ONE FLAG MAY BE ISSUED FOR EACH DECEASED VETERAN)

- **19. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:**

### NOTIFICATION OF ISSUES OF FLAG

- **20. SIGNATURE OF PERSON RECEIVING FLAG:**
- **21. DATE FLAG ISSUED:**
- **22. ADDRESS OF POST OFFICE OR OTHER FLAG ISSUANCE POINT:**

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C. Who is eligible for a burial flag? Generally, veterans with an other than dishonorable discharge. Note: This includes veterans who served in the Philippine military forces while such forces were in the service of the U.S. armed forces under the President’s Order of July 26, 1941 and died on or before April 30, 1955, and veterans who served in the Philippine military services are eligible for burial in a national cemetery.

Veterans who were entitled to retire pay for service in the reserves, or would have been entitled to such pay but not for being under 60 years of age.

Members or former members of the Select Reserve (Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, or Naval Reserve; Air National Guard; or Army National Guard) who served at least one enlistment or, in the case of an officer, the period of initial obligation, or were discharged for disability incurred or aggravated in line of duty, or died while a member of the Select Reserve.

D. Who is not eligible for a burial flag? Veterans who received a dishonorable discharge.

- Members of the Select Reserve whose last discharge from service was under conditions less favorable than honorable.
- Pacifists veterans who were discharged before June 27, 1950 and did not serve at least one complete enlistment or in the case of an officer, the period of initial obligation, or were discharged for disbarment incurred or aggravate a disability in the line of duty.
- Veterans who were convicted of a Federal capital crime and sentenced to death or life imprisonment, or were convicted of a Federal or State capital crime but were not convicted by a Federal or State court of such capital crime by reason of being an alien, or any veterans discharged for alienage in time of war.
- Veterans who were entitled to retired pay for service in the reserves, or would have been entitled to such pay but not for being under 60 years of age.

E. What documentation is required in order to receive a burial flag? Provide a copy of the veteran's discharge documents that show service dates and the character of service, such as DD Form 214, or verification of service from the veteran's service department or VA. Various information requested, is considered essential to the proper processing of the application.

F. Who is eligible to receive a burial flag? Only one flag may be issued for each deceased veteran. Generally, the flag is given to the next-of-kin as a keepsake after its use during the funeral service. The flag is given to the following person(s) in order of precedence:

- Surviving spouse
- Children, according to age
- Parents, including adoptive, stepparents, and foster parents
- Brothers or sisters, including brothers or sisters of half blood
- Uncles or aunts
- Nephews or nieces
- Others, such as cousins or grandparents

Note: When there is no next-of-kin, VA will furnish the flag to a friend according to age, who personally knows the deceased to have been a veteran who meets the eligibility criteria.

G. Other (Continued)
INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING VA FORM 40-10007 APPLICATION FOR PRE-NEED DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL IN A VA NATIONAL CEMETERY

For more complete information on eligibility requirements for burial in a VA national cemetery, visit the National Cemetery Administration online at http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/burial_benefits/eligible.asp or call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117. For the purposes of this form, the term burial includes interment (above ground remains placement in a columbarium) and scattering of ashes, (if the cemetery chosen offers those options). A Pre-Need determination of eligibility does not guarantee burial in a specific VA national cemetery. Burial in a specific VA national cemetery will be scheduled at the Time of Need. In order to assist in completing this form, specific instructions and explanations for certain items are given below.

SECTION I: VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER

Eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery is based on the qualifying service of a Veteran/Servicemember. This section of the form is used to determine if qualifying service exists. Not all items are mandatory, however, answers to questions will aid VA in searching for records in archives to support the claim.

Item 13 Military status used to apply for eligibility determination: For VA benefit purposes, a Veteran is a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. VA will determine on a case-by-case basis whether certain reserve duty qualifications. If eligibility derives from a status not listed, or if the individual is not certain of the status, check “Other” and submit evidence of service and VA will provide appropriate assistance. Servicemembers who die on active duty are eligible for burial. If you are arranging burial for an active duty Servicemember or his or her dependents, you should contact a local funeral home or the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117 to expedite processing.

Item 17 Discharge - Character of Service: Please indicate one type of “Discharge - Character of Service”: Honorable, General, Entry Level Separation/Uncharacterized, Other Than Honorable, Bad Conduct, or Dishonorable. If uncertain of the type of discharge or character of service, indicate “Other” and include available supporting documents.

SECTION II: CLAIMANT INFORMATION

Item 23 Each Claimant requires a separate VA Form 40-10007.

23a. Spouse means a person who is or was legally married to a Veteran. Surviving Spouse mean a person who was legally married to a Veteran at the time of the Veteran’s death and includes a surviving spouse who had a subsequent remarriage. A non-Veteran spouse of a Veteran whose marriage to the Veteran was dissolved by divorce or annulment issued by an authoritative court is not eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery.

23b. A minor child of an eligible Veteran is a child who is under 21 years of age; or who is under 23 years of age and is pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an approved educational institution. If you are making a claim for an unmarried adult child, please provide supporting documentation such as recent medical documentation pertaining to the disability, date of onset of the disability, and the age of the child when diagnosed with this disability. VA recommends that you provide photocopies. Note: Minor children of eligible Veterans are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery. The minor child of an eligible Veteran is a child who is under 21 years of age; or who is under 23 years of age and is pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an approved educational institution.

23c. An unmarried adult child of the Veteran is an individual who became permanently physically or mentally disabled and incapable of self-support before reaching 21 years of age, or before reaching 23 years of age if pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an approved educational institution. If you are making a claim for an unmarried adult child, please provide supporting documentation such as recent medical documentation pertaining to the disability, date of onset of the disability, and the age of the child when diagnosed with this disability. VA recommends that you provide photocopies. Note: Minor children of eligible Veterans are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery. The minor child of an eligible Veteran is a child who is under 21 years of age; or who is under 23 years of age and is pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an approved educational institution.

Items 29 and 30 A list of VA national cemeteries is available online at http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/cms_differential.asp. A favorable Pre-Need determination of eligibility does not guarantee burial in a specific VA national cemetery. Burial in a specific VA national cemetery will be scheduled at the time of need. If you provide an email address, VA may use your email address to communicate with you about your claim and burial benefits.

SECTION III: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

Item 31 The pre-need application must be signed (Item 31) and dated (Item 32) for VA to process.

Item 33 You must indicate your relationship to the claimant in Item 33.

33a. Check (A) if you are the claimant.

33b. Check (B) and complete Items 34-37 if your are signing for a claimant who has not attained the age of 18 years, is mentally incompetent, or is physically unable to sign the pre-need application. You may be a court-appointed representative, a person who is responsible for the care of the individual (including a spouse or other relative), or an attorney in fact or agent authorized to act on behalf of the claimant under a durable power of attorney. If the claimant is in the care of an institution, a manager or principal officer of the institution may sign the form. Please attach supporting documents or an affidavit establishing your position relative to the claimant.

Privacy Act Information: VA considers the responses you submit confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). VA may only disclose this information outside the VA if the disclosure is authorized under the Privacy Act, including the routine uses identified in the VA system of records, 1755 VA 44A, published in the Federal Register. VA considers the requested information relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law.

Respondent Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather the necessary data, and complete and review the collection of information. The obligation to respond is voluntary and not required to obtain or retain benefits.
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