

Burial Benefits for Veterans and their Families



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About this guide









This guide will help you make burial choices and prepare for the future.

Use this guide to learn about these benefits and to avoid making rushed, agonizing decisions at the time of need.





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Burial benefits are gratefully offered to eligible Veterans, their spouses and dependent children by the Federal Government, through the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA) and are earned by military service to our Nation.

These benefits are potentially worth thousands of dollars but are provided at no cost. A national cemetery burial includes:

- The gravesite.
- Opening and closing of the grave.
- A headstone or marker.
- Perpetual care as part of a national shrine.



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Funeral home directors usually arrange for the following benefits by request:

- A VA-provided headstone or marker for a Veteran buried in a private cemetery anywhere in the world.
- A burial flag to drape the Veteran's casket or urn during the funeral.
- A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) honoring the Veteran.
- Military Funeral Honors for the Veteran (e.g., burial flag folding and presentation, "Taps" played on a bugle or by recording).

Note:

Some Veterans may be eligible for limited burial cost reimbursement.



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National cemetery directors have the primary responsibility of verifying the Veteran's eligibility for burial in a national cemetery. The Department of Veterans Affairs regional offices (VARO) may also assist. Those eligible for burial benefits include:

- Active-duty members who die while serving honorably. Veterans who have served some active duty other than as a Reservist for training and were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.
- Reservists and National Guard members who, at the time of death, were entitled to retired pay, or would have been entitled had they been over the age of 60.
- Certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Public Health Service (PHS) officers and WWII Merchant Mariners.
- Spouses and surviving spouses who meet eligibility requirements.
- Dependent children under age 21, under age 23 if still in school, or of any age if disabled while qualifying in one of the former categories.

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To establish eligibility, you must provide the death certificate and the Veteran's DD Form 214, which shows:

- Period(s) of active-duty service
- Characterization of discharge

Note: Eligibility requirements were developed over many years through legislation and regulations. This publication does not cover all possible situations for or against establishing eligibility.

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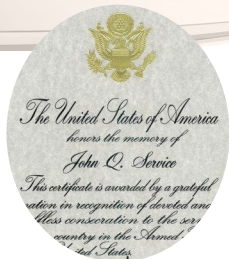
Call **(800) 827-1000** to receive more information.



Extensive information is also posted on the National Cemetery Administration's (NCA's) website at: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/eligibility/>.



Presidential Memorial Certificates (PMC)



A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is an engraved paper certificate that honors the memory of honorably discharged deceased Veterans who are eligible for burial in a

national cemetery. Next of kin, other relatives, and friends may request PMCs.

How

There is no time limit for requesting the certificate(s), but requests should include a copy (not the original) of the deceased Veteran's discharge document and death certificate, and must clearly indicate to what address the certificate(s) should be sent.

For more information about PMCs and obtaining a



Presidential Memorial Certificate Request Form, (VA Form 40-0247), go to: www.cem.va.gov/pmc.asp.



The form is also available at <https://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-0247.pdf>.

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A request may be submitted in person at any VA regional office (VARO).

- Mail to: Presidential Memorial Certificates (41B3)
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
National Cemetery Administration
5109 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134-3903; or
- Fax toll-free to: **800-455-7143**.



*The United States of America
honors the memory of
John H. Service*

*This certificate is awarded by a grateful
nation in recognition of devoted and
selfless consecration to the service
of our country in the Armed Forces*

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Committal service

A military funeral for a Veteran or service member is a memorial service held at national cemeteries with dignity and respect.

When family and loved ones arrive at the cemetery, a cemetery representative will meet the survivors and give them the deceased's burial documents. They'll lead those who are gathered to honor the deceased, to a committal shelter. The committal service takes place at this location, **not at the gravesite**, and lasts for about 20 minutes. The burial happens after the committal service.

The family may choose to have readings by a friend, family member, or member of the clergy of their faith. They may also request to have military funeral honors performed at the committal shelter.

Note:

Viewing facilities aren't available at national cemeteries; the family must arrange for funeral services at a different location.

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Military Funeral Honors

- The Department of Defense (DoD) is responsible for providing honors at Veteran funerals.
- Two uniformed persons are required with at least one from the service of the deceased. They fold the burial flag and present it to the next of kin.
- Taps is played by a bugler, if available, or through a recording.
- Active-duty personnel participate where available. Veterans Service Organizations often provide volunteers when active-duty personnel are not available.
- A rifle detail and color guard.



How

Funeral home directors request honors on behalf of the Veterans' family. Help and assistance is also available from the following resources:

- Veterans Service Organizations or volunteer groups may help provide military funeral honors.
- VA can help arrange military funeral honors for burials at VA national cemeteries.

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Contacts:

For more information, call the nearest national cemetery or **800-535-1117**, or



visit: https://www.cem.va.gov/military_funeral_honors.asp.



Burial Flag

A burial flag (cotton U.S. flag) is available to drape the Veteran's casket or urn during the funeral. The flag is presented to the next-of-kin at the conclusion of the funeral.

Note: Flags may be donated to a national cemetery for use in their "Avenue of Flags" display on designated holidays.

How

Funeral home directors usually obtain the flag for the Veteran's family. Flags may also be secured at most U.S. Post offices and VA regional offices. VA's Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) administers the burial flag program.



To obtain a flag for a funeral, fill out VA Form 27-2008, Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes (<https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-27-2008-ARE.pdf>).

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Details on Burial flags to honor Veterans and Reservists can be found on the NCA website at: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/memorial-items/burial-flags/>.

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Headstones and Markers

Burial in a national cemetery includes the headstone or marker. When more than one family member is interred in the same gravesite, both sides of the upright headstone are used.

If a Veteran is buried in a private cemetery, anywhere in the world, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides a headstone or marker.

The funeral home director usually orders the headstone or marker for the Veteran's family if the burial is not in a Veterans cemetery.

Styles: Headstone and Marker

- Flat bronze, granite or marble markers and upright granite or marble headstones are available. In national cemeteries, the headstone or marker style must be consistent with existing monuments at the place of burial.
- Niche markers, or medallions, are also available to mark columbaria used for inurnment of cremated remains.

Inscriptions

Government-furnished headstones and markers must be inscribed with the name of the deceased, branch of service and the year of birth and death (in this order). They may also be inscribed with other markings, including

an authorized emblem of belief and space permitting, additional text including military grade, rate or rank, war service (e.g., World War II), complete dates of birth and death, military awards, military organizations, civilian or Veteran affiliations, and words of endearment.

Emblems of Belief

Emblems of Belief are available for placement on government headstones and markers.

Note: See page 15 for the most requested Emblems of Belief on government-provided headstones and markers.

How

Headstone or Marker

- Complete VA Form 40-1330, Claim for Standard Government Headstone or Marker to pre-plan headstone text. The form is available at <https://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-1330.pdf>.
- Include a copy of the Veteran's military discharge document.
- Mail to: Memorial Programs Service (41B)
Department of Veterans Affairs
5109 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134-3903; or
- Fax toll-free to: **800-455-7143**.



Emblems



Visit the NCA website at: <https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/emblems.asp> for images of the emblems and details on ordering.

Contact




















Additional information on headstones, markers, medallions, inscriptions, and VA Form 40-1330 can be found at: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/memorial-items/headstones-markers-medallions/>.

**Note:**

A thoughtful gift by a Veteran to his/her family would be to complete VA Form 40-1330 now and file it with the discharge papers necessary to establish eligibility, along with a statement of burial arrangement instructions.

Most Requested Emblems of Belief

	01 LATIN CROSS (Christian)		10 AARONIC ORDER CHURCH
	02 BUDDHIST (Wheel of Righteousness)		11 MORMON (Angel Moroni)
	03 JUDAISM (Star of David)		12 NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA
	04 PRESBYTERIAN CROSS		13 SERBIAN ORTHODOX
	05 RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CROSS		14 GREEK CROSS
	06 LUTHERAN CROSS		15 BAHAI (9 Pointed Star)
	07 EPISCOPAL CROSS		16 ATHEIST
	08 UNITARIAN CHURCH/ UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION		17 MUSLIM (Crescent and Star)
	09 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH		18 HINDU

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VA burial allowances are flat-rate monetary benefits that are generally paid at the maximum amount allowed by law for an eligible Veteran's burial and funeral costs. Eligible survivors are paid automatically upon notification of a Veteran's death, without the need to submit a claim.

If the Veteran had a **service-related** death on or after September 11, 2001, the maximum burial allowance is \$2,000.

There are **non-service-related** death rates payable if the Veteran was hospitalized by VA at the time of his or her death:

- If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2019, VA will pay up to \$796 burial allowance and \$796 for a plot.
- If the Veteran died on or after December 1, 2001, but before October 1, 2011, VA will pay up to \$300 burial allowance and \$300 for a plot.
- An annual increase in burial and plot allowances for deaths occurring after October 1, 2011 began in fiscal year 2013 based on the Consumer Price Index for the preceding 12-month period.

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Benefit	Rate
Service-Connected Burial	\$2,000
Non-Service-Connected Burial (Veterans hospitalized by VA)	\$796
Non-Service-Connected Burial (Veterans not hospitalized by VA or indigent)	\$300
Plot Allowance	\$796
State Cemetery	\$796
Headstone/Marker	\$195
Philippine Half-Rate	\$398

How

- Apply online (equal to VA Form 21P-530 Application for Burial Benefits):
<https://www.va.gov/burials-and-memorials/application/530/introduction>



- Apply by mail:

- Use Application for Burial Benefits (VA Form 21P-530)

<https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21P-530-ARE.pdf>



- Mail the application and other documents listed above to your nearest VA regional office (VARO).

- Contact the nearest VA regional office for assistance.

Contact



If you have questions, contact the VA regional office or call **800-827-1000**, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 pm, EST. TTY is 711.



For contact information on VA regional offices, eligibility requirements and allowances for burials, visit:



VA regional offices
<https://www.va.gov/find-locations/?facilityType=benefits>.



Eligibility requirements
www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/claims-special-burial.asp.



Allowance amounts and details
<https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial-allowance/>.

National Cemetery Administration

The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA) maintains 143 national cemeteries in 40 states (and Puerto Rico) as well as 33 soldier's lots and monument sites across the Nation. The cemeteries honor deceased Veterans and family members "with a final resting place and lasting memorials that commemorate their service to our Nation".

Burial options may include a full casket burial or burial of cremated remains in a columbarium niche, in-ground or in a scatter garden.

Immediate family members buried at the same cemetery are generally interred in the same gravesite.

Note:**NCA Statistic:**

Over more than 3.7 million Veterans lie buried in VA's national cemeteries as of May 2020.



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Most national cemeteries have burial space. Check with the director at the one(s) you are interested in.



Visit the NCA website to check for availability, planning a burial, and other valuable resources: <https://www.cem.va.gov/resources.asp>.



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For a list of National Cemetery Administration Cemeteries, visit: <https://www.cem.va.gov/grants/state.asp?State=NC>. The site provides information about the cemeteries including addresses and phone numbers.



Search by State, City or Postal Code: Find one of VA's more than 143 cemetery facilities, plus VA's nationwide network of health care, counseling, and benefits services. Visit: <https://www.va.gov/find-locations/>.



Note:

There is not a VA national cemetery in every state.

List of National Cemeteries

 State	 Cemetery	 Phone
Alabama	Alabama National Cemetery	205-665-9039
	Fort Mitchell National Cemetery	334-855-4731
	Mobile National Cemetery	850-453-4846 or 850-453-4108
Alaska	Fort Richardson National Cemetery	907-384-7075
	Sitka National Cemetery	907-384-7075
Arizona	National Memorial Cemetery Of Arizona	480-513-3600
	Prescott National Cemetery	928-717-7569
Arkansas	Fayetteville National Cemetery	479-442-2566
	Fort Smith National Cemetery	479-783-5345
	Little Rock National Cemetery	479-783-5345



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California	Bakersfield National Cemetery	661-867-2250 or 866-632-1845
	Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery	619-553-2084
	Golden Gate National Cemetery	650-589-7737
	Los Angeles National Cemetery	310-268-4675
	Miramar National Cemetery	858-658-7360
	Riverside National Cemetery	951-653-8417
	Sacramento Valley National Cemetery	707-693-2460
	San Francisco National Cemetery	650-589-7737
Colorado	San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery	209-854-1040
	Fort Logan National Cemetery	303-761-0117
	Fort Lyon National Cemetery	303-761-0117
District of Columbia	Pikes Peak National Cemetery	719-216-1025
	Congressional Cemetery Government Lots	410-644-9696

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Florida	Barrancas National Cemetery	850-453-4108
	Bay Pines National Cemetery	727-319-6479
	Cape Canaveral National Cemetery	321-383-2638
	Florida National Cemetery	352-793-7740
	Jacksonville National Cemetery	904-766-5222
	Sarasota National Cemetery	877-861-9840
	South Florida National Cemetery	561-649-6489
	St. Augustine National Cemetery	904-766-5222
	Tallahassee National Cemetery	850-402-8941
Georgia	Georgia National Cemetery	866-236-8159 or 770-479-9300
	Marietta National Cemetery	866-236-8159
Hawaii	National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific	808-532-3720

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Illinois	Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery	815-423-9958
	Alton National Cemetery	314-845-8320
	Camp Butler National Cemetery	217-492-4070
	Danville National Cemetery	217-554-4550
	Mound City National Cemetery	618-748-9107
	Quincy National Cemetery	309-782-2094
	Rock Island National Cemetery	309-782-2094
	Confederate Mound	815-423-9958
	North Alton Confederate Cemetery	314-845-8320
	Rock Island Confederate Cemetery	309-782-2094
Indiana	Crown Hill National Cemetery	765-674-0284
	Marion National Cemetery	765-674-0284
	New Albany National Cemetery	502-893-3852
	Crown Hill Cemetery Confederate Plot	765-674-0284

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Indiana (cont.)	Woodlawn Monument Site	815-423-9958
Iowa	Keokuk National Cemetery	319-524-1304
	Oakdale Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	309-782-2094
	Keokuk National Cemetery	319-524-1304
Kansas	Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery	913-758-4105
	Fort Scott National Cemetery	620-223-2840
	Leavenworth National Cemetery	913-758-4105
	Baxter Springs City Soldiers' Lot	913-758-4105
	Mound City Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	913-758-4105
Kentucky	Camp Nelson National Cemetery	859-885-5727
	Cave Hill National Cemetery	502-893-3852
	Danville National Cemetery	859-885-5727
	Lebanon National Cemetery	270-692-3390
	Lexington National Cemetery	859-885-5727

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Kentucky	Mill Springs National Cemetery	859-885-5727
	Zachary Taylor National Cemetery	502-893-3852
	Evergreen Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	859-885-5727
Louisiana	Alexandria National Cemetery	601-445-4981
	Baton Rouge National Cemetery	225-654-1988
	Louisiana National Cemetery	225-654-1988
	Port Hudson National Cemetery	225-654-1988
Maine	Togus National Cemetery	508-563-7113
	Mount Pleasant Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	508-563-7113
Maryland	Annapolis National Cemetery	410-644-9696
	Baltimore National Cemetery	410-644-9696
	Loudon Park National Cemetery	410-644-9696
	Point Lookout Confederate Cemetery	410-644-9696

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Massachusetts	Massachusetts National Cemetery	508-563-7113
	Woodlawn Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	508-563-7113
Michigan	Fort Custer National Cemetery	269-731-4164
	Great Lakes National Cemetery	248-328-0386 or 866-348-8603
	Fort Mackinac Post Cemetery	248-328-0386
	Lakeside Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	248-328-0386
Minnesota	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	612-726-1127
Mississippi	Biloxi National Cemetery	228-388-6668
	Corinth National Cemetery	901-386-8311
	Natchez National Cemetery	601-445-4981
Missouri	Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery	314-845-8320
	Jefferson City National Cemetery	314-845-8320
	Springfield National Cemetery	417-881-9499
	Union Confederate Monument Site	913-758-4105

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Montana	Fort Missoula Post Cemetery	303-761-0117
	Yellowstone National Cemetery	406-647-2746
Nebraska	Fort Mcpherson National Cemetery	308-582-4433
	Omaha National Cemetery	402-253-3949
	Forest Lawn Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	913-758-4105
New Jersey	Beverly National Cemetery	215-504-5610
	Finn's Point National Cemetery	215-504-5610
New Mexico	Fort Bayard National Cemetery	505-988-6400
	Santa Fe National Cemetery	505-988-6400
New York	Bath National Cemetery	607-664-4853
	Calverton National Cemetery	631-727-5410
	Cypress Hills National Cemetery	631-454-4949
	Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery	518-581-9128
	Long Island National Cemetery	631-454-4949

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New York (cont.)	Woodlawn National Cemetery	607-732-5411
	Albany Rural Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	518-581-9128
North Carolina	New Bern National Cemetery	252-637-2912
	Raleigh National Cemetery	252-637-2912
	Salisbury National Cemetery	704-636-2661
	Wilmington National Cemetery	910-815-4877
North Dakota	Fargo National Cemetery	701-451-4650
Ohio	Dayton National Cemetery	937-268-2221
	Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery	330-335-3069
	Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery	937-268-2221
	Confederate Stockade Cemetery	330-335-3069
	Woodland Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	330-335-3069



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Pennsylvania	Indiantown Gap National Cemetery	717-865-5254
	National Cemetery of the Alleghenies	724-746-4363
	Philadelphia National Cemetery	215-504-5610
	Washington Crossing National Cemetery	215-504-5610
	Allegheny Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	724-746-4363
	Ashland Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	717-865-5254
	Mount Moriah Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	215-504-5610
	Mount Moriah Cemetery Naval Plot	215-504-5610
	Prospect Hill Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	717-865-5254
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico National Cemetery	787-798-8400
South Carolina	Beaufort National Cemetery	843-524-3925
	Florence National Cemetery	843-669-8783
	Fort Jackson National Cemetery	866-577-5248

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South Dakota	Black Hills National Cemetery	605-347-3830
	Fort Meade National Cemetery	605-347-3830
	Hot Springs National Cemetery	605-347-3830
Tennessee	Chattanooga National Cemetery	423-855-6590
	Knoxville National Cemetery	423-855-6590
	Memphis National Cemetery	901-386-8311
	Mountain Home National Cemetery	423-979-3535
	Nashville National Cemetery	615-860-0086
Texas	Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery	214-467-3374
	Fort Bliss National Cemetery	915-564-0201
	Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery	210-820-3891
	Houston National Cemetery	281-447-8686
	Kerrville National Cemetery	210-820-3891
	San Antonio National Cemetery	210-820-3891

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Vermont	Green Mount Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	508-563-7113
	Prospect Hill Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	508-563-7113
Virginia	Alexandria National Cemetery	703-221-2183
	Ball's Bluff National Cemetery	540-825-0027
	City Point National Cemetery	804-795-2031
	Cold Harbor National Cemetery	804-795-2031
	Culpeper National Cemetery	540-825-0027
	Danville National Cemetery	704-636-2661



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Virginia (cont.)	Fort Harrison National Cemetery	804-795-2031
	Glendale National Cemetery	804-795-2031
	Hampton National Cemetery	757-723-7104
	Hampton National Cemetery (VAMC)	757-723-7104
	Quantico National Cemetery	703-221-2183
	Richmond National Cemetery	804-795-2031
	Seven Pines National Cemetery	804-795-2031
	Staunton National Cemetery	540-825-0027
	Winchester National Cemetery	540-825-0027
Washington	Tahoma National Cemetery	425-413-9614
	Fort Lawton Post Cemetery	425-413-9614
West Virginia	Grafton National Cemetery	304-265-2044
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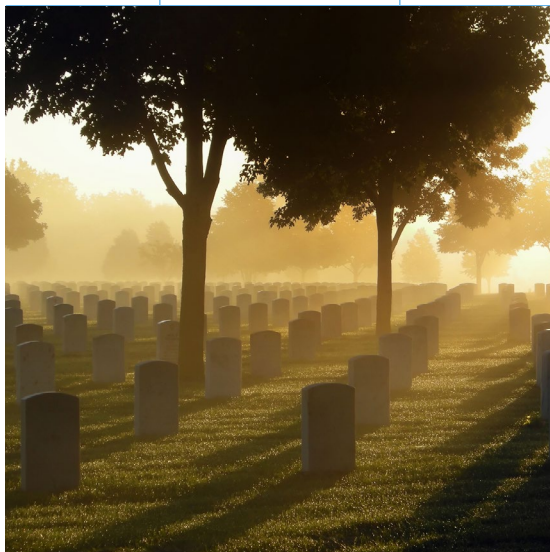
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Wisconsin	Wood National Cemetery	414-382-5300
	Fort Winnebago Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	414-382-5300
	Forest Hill Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	414-382-5300
	Forest Home Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	414-382-5300
	Fort Crawford Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	414-382-5300
	Mound Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	414-382-5300



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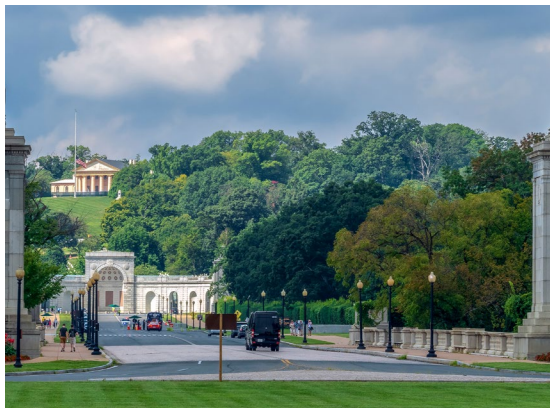
Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery is administered by the Department of the Army.

Full-casket burial eligibility is much more restrictive than at VA national cemeteries. Eligibility requirements for cremated remains match those for other national cemeteries.

Contacts: For more information:

- Call: Toll-free is **877-907-8585**; general information, location of gravesites and visitor information, call **703-607-8000**; for funeral arrangements and eligibility requirements, call **703-607-8585**.
- Visit online. For funerals at Arlington National Cemetery, go to: <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Funerals>.



Department of the Interior

Fourteen national cemeteries are maintained by the Department of the Interior, all but two of which are closed. The two open cemeteries are:

- Andersonville National Cemetery, Andersonville, Georgia
- Andrew Johnson National Cemetery, Greeneville, Tennessee.



For funerals at the Department of the Interior National Cemeteries, go to: <https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/cems/doi.asp>.



State Veterans Cemeteries

Many states have established State Veterans cemeteries. They are run solely by that state. These cemeteries have similar eligibility requirements to VA national cemeteries, but may include state residency requirements. Contact the specific State Cemetery or State VA office for more information.



For burials at State Veterans Cemeteries (these include State, Tribal and Territory Veterans Cemeteries), visit: <https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/listcem.asp> for the most current listing.



American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC)

The American Battle Monuments Commission is responsible for 24 American military cemeteries and monuments in countries outside the United States. All of them are closed.

Contact:

To contact the American Battle Monuments Commission:

- Write: Courthouse Plaza II, Suite 500, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201.
- Call: **(703) 696-6900**.
- Visit online: www.abmc.gov.



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FAQ's from the VA Survivor's Assistance Program

What can I do now to prepare for burial in a national cemetery?

Advise your family of your wishes and tell them where your discharge papers are kept. These papers are very important in establishing your eligibility. At the time of need, your family will contact a funeral home who will assist them with making burial arrangements at the national cemetery. You may wish to make pre-need arrangements with a funeral home.

To schedule a burial:

- Fax all discharge documentation to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at **1-866-900-6417** and
- follow-up with a phone call to **1-800-535-1117**.

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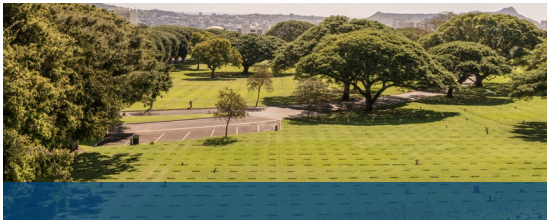
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Does the VA pay for cremation or burial expenses?

The VA does not pay for cremation directly. Any item or service obtained from a funeral home will be at the families' expense. Some Veterans' families may be entitled to a burial allowance, which may cover some of these expenses. See the "VA Burial Allowances" on page 17.

Can VA provide burial at sea?

The VA does not provide burial at sea. If you have any questions about the Burial at Sea program, please contact the United States Navy Mortuary Affairs office toll-free at **1-866-787-0081**.

I do not have my military discharge form (DD Form 214), how can I get a copy?

To obtain a copy of your DD Form 214, contact the National Archives at **1-866-272-6272** or visit: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records.



Key Contacts

U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Call: myVA311 — **1-844-698-2311**

Visit: www.va.gov

Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)

Call: VBA Support: **1-800-827-1000**

Visit: <https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/#800>

FAQs: <https://www.va.gov/coronavirus-veteran-frequently-asked-questions/>

National Cemetery Administration (NCA)

Schedule a burial: **1-800-535-1117, option 1**

Visit: <https://www.cem.va.gov/#800>

Veterans Crisis Line

Call: **1-800-273-8255 and Press 1**

Visit: <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net>

Office of Survivors Assistance

Visit: <https://www.va.gov/survivors/>

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