

# Veterans Benefits

## For Final Expenses

Do not worry about paperwork. We will promptly prepare all necessary documentation to make applications for any Veteran's final expense benefits that the Veteran's family might be entitled to receive. We will apply to the Veterans Administration and any County Veterans Affairs office applicable.

We ask only that we be provided with a copy of the Veteran's Honorable Discharge. If you are considering making pre-need arrangements with us, we would encourage you to allow us to copy your discharge and keep that copy in the pre-need file for future reference. We offer this service to Veterans whether pre-paying a pre-need or not.



For complete details beyond the overview below, go to

[www.cem.va.gov/CEM/bbene\\_burial.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/bbene_burial.asp)

Survivors of any person who was an active or retired member of the military at time of death, or an honorably discharged veteran, could be eligible for a number of benefits, including:

1. An American flag (which may be displayed folded in the casket or draped over the casket).
2. Burial in a National Cemetery (includes the grave space and opening and closing of the grave).
3. A bronze or granite marker.
4. A lump sum payment of \$300 is usually available to families of those veterans that were entitled to receive VA compensation or pension at time of death (such as retirees), or veterans who died while a registered patient in a VA hospital or other accredited VA facility. If one of these circumstances apply and a National Cemetery is not utilized, up to \$150 could be reimbursed as a plot or interment allowance (requires proof of payment to a non-VA cemetery. Private cemeteries usually assist you by filing this benefit on your behalf). Additionally, for veterans who die of a service connected disability, the VA could pay an allowance to reimburse funeral costs of \$2000 or less (no additional VA death benefits would be available). Active duty military personnel are usually entitled to a greater amount, which can vary.
5. If not remarried, the surviving spouse is eligible for burial in the National Cemetery. Dependent children of the veteran are also eligible.
6. Claims for Veteran's Benefits must be filed within 2 years of death by the veteran's family, a non-family member who can prove that the Veteran's funeral services are paid, or the funeral director.



We will make an application for these benefits on your behalf if you will provide us with the Veteran's Honorable Discharge.

For VA Assistance and Information, [phone 1-800-827-1000](tel:1-800-827-1000) or visit [www.cem.va.gov/CEM/bbene\\_burial.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/bbene_burial.asp)