

Burial Benefits

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

Who's eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery?

Veterans, service members, spouses, and dependents may be eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery, as well as other benefits, if they meet one of the requirements listed below.

One of these must be true. The person qualifying for burial benefits is:

- A Veteran who didn't receive a dishonorable discharge, **or**
- A service member who died while on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty for training, **or**
- The spouse or minor child of a Veteran, even if the Veteran died first, **or**
- In some cases, the unmarried adult dependent child of a Veteran

How do I schedule a burial for a Veteran or other family member?

Contact the National Cemetery Scheduling Office

- For burial in a national cemetery, fax any discharge papers to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 866-900-6417. Or scan and email the papers to NCA.Scheduling@va.gov with the person's name you're requesting burial benefits for in the subject line.
- Then call [800-535-1117](tel:800-535-1117) to confirm the burial application. Be sure to have all the information handy that's listed above in the "Prepare" section.
- The National Cemetery Scheduling Office is open every day from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. ET. The office is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Burials at national cemeteries take place Monday through Friday. When there's a federal holiday on a Monday or Friday, cemeteries may schedule burials either on the actual holiday or on one of the days over the holiday weekend. The National Cemetery Scheduling Office can tell you the available burial times for each cemetery.

*For more information, please click, [here](#).

The information provided on this sheet is for general information only regarding Burial. For further assistance with Burial benefits, information please contact your local [Veteran Service Office](#).

Thank you.