VA BURIAL BENEFITS

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THIS IS THE TYPE OF CEREMONY

THAT SHOULD HAPPEN 1,600 TIMES A DAY...

Dear Sample:

where family and friends have gathered to honor the member's years of service to the United States of America.

A Military Funeral Honors detail arrives in full dress uniform. The firing party raise their rifles and fire three rifle volleys as a stirring tribute. The military officers fold the American flag according to tradition, and present it to the family members A bugler sounds the immortal notes of "Taps".

Impressive, Dignified, Patriotic, Worthy of every veteran, from every service branch and every tour of duty. Comforting to the loved ones who are present, and a fitting tribute for a great American who sacrificed and served.

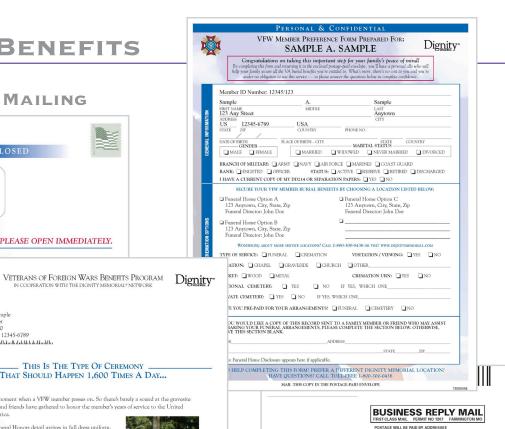


The only problem is, it's not the rule. It's the exception. Sadly, too many families are caught unprepared when a veteran passes on, and the service member does not always receive the ropriate recognition and respect that is deserved.

In addition, we have found that of the 1,600 fellow veterans we lose daily, most do <u>not</u> have their affairs in order or the necessary money set aside to take care of their final needs.

Will you be unprepared? Not when you take advantage of your exclusive member benefits from the

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VFW MEMBER
BENEFITS CENTER
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DIGNITY MEMORIAL® PROVIDERS ARE COMMITTED TO THE WELL-BEING OF VFW MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

If your family or a close friend has used the services of a Dimits Memorial funeral, cremation, or cemeters Daguis yaemona jiniena, cremauori, or centuery province, you have dready experienced our commitment to each family we serve. If not, you'll certainly appreciate knowing that we've handled the final arrangements for seven United States Presidents...many Generals, Admirals, and Commandants...and thousands of rank-and-file veterans rom coast to coast. We believe no one will do more to assis your loved ones and ensure that you receive the highest level

ow, Deputy Assistant

We are pleased to guarantee your 100% satisfaction with all our services, so please complete and return the enclosed Preference Form in confidence. And from all of us, welcome to the Dignity Memorial family.

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10Facts burial expense allowance (up to \$300) and a plot allowance (up to \$300) may be given. If a death is service-related, benefits up to \$2,000 may be paid for burial expenses.¹ In order to be eligible to receive a VA burial allowance, you must meet the following conditions: Burial in a VA National Cemeters includes This Department of Defense program calls for the funeral home director to request military funeral honors on behalf of the veteran's family. an assigned gravesite (if space is available opening and a grave line
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• payment for the veteran's burial must be made
without any reimbursement from a government
agency or other source, and

• the veteran was discharged under conditions
other than dishonorable
In addition, at least one of the following conditions
must be met: While You May Qualify For Certain 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 the VFW Member Berefits Program, Dignity Memorial can provide cashest at a discounted price. VA Burial Benefits, They Do Not Come Automatically! in administration at rest used on the rottoming columnium.

In extreme shell because of service-related disolating, or the vectors was receiving VA persion or compensation, or the vectors and off in a VA hospital or runsing home under VA contract.

In order to determine the final resimbusement amount, an "Application for Bernal Benefits" (VA Form 21-53) must be submitted within two years from the date of the vectors in permanent burial. If your fund, does not have the first PSVs at the time of data, your Diguity Memoral provider will be glad to play occur Diguity Memoral provider will be glad to play occur. A "Presidential Memorial Certificate" Must Be Requested.
Initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy,
a "Fresidential Memorial Certificate" is an engraved
paper certificate, signed by the current President, to
honor the memory of honorably discharged, deceased. Just Consider: Burials In VA N Not Conducted (**-**Important A Veteran's Family United States Flag. A flag is provided, at no U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
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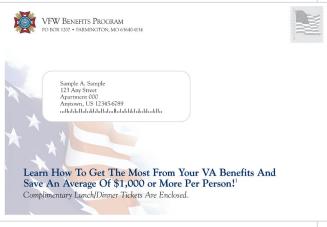
Eligible recipients of the certificate include the deceased veteran's next of kin and loved ones. More than one certificate may be requested. Thunorany Discurages vectorans. There is a count no held that the VA pays for all the funeral or cremation arrangements of an honourably discharged vectors. There are certain monetars, recognition, and service benefits that must be available. However, reimbursement for funeral or cremation service expenses is limited, and usually only applies to vectorans above.

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• retire from the Armed Services or Eligible recipients, or someone acting on their behalf, may apply in person at any VA regional office or by U.S. mail. There Are Elighlity Requirements For Burial In A VA National Countery, In general, any member of the Amel Forces of the United States who does while on active duty, or any versus who was discharged under condains so after them alshoozaalle, is entaled to havin In a VA. National Contentry, Under control most interest, National Contentry, Under control most interest, and the control and VA. National Contentry, Under control most interest, and the control of the control of the control of the control of the Contentry Content Headstones O In A Private C VA BURIAL reture from the Armed Services, or
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 died in a VA hospital or while in a nursing home under VA contract. If You Choose Not To Be Buried In Military Funera
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eligible veteran rei A VA National Cemetery, Monetary Burial Benefits Are Limited. Standard guidelines are provided as an overview, but only the VA can rule on your exact benefits. You Will Need Documentation
To Verify Military Service.

A "Report of Separation from the Armed Force the United States" (discharge papers) is normal required to verify military service. FOR VFW MEMBERS AND SPOUSES...



BURIAL BENEFITS SEMINAR INVITATION

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Sample A. Sample

Member No: 999999999999999

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As a VFW member, you deserve the utmost respect and recognition for your service to your country. Yet you may be surprised to know that government burial benefits for veterans are very limited – generally no more than \$500, if anything at all?

— R.S.V.P. —

We Invite You And Your Guest To Learn About The

burial benefits so you can make more informed decisions for you and your family. When you join us at this informative meeting, you'll learn more about what the VA does – and doesn't – provide, including:

- What government documentation you will need.
 How to obtain a ceremonial
 United States flag.
 How to request a Presidential Memorial Certificate.
 Which monetary benefits you
- How to receive military funeral honors.

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☐ Month 00 at 4:00 pm – Dinner provided free of charge A guest will accompany me

I am unable to attend, but I would like a representative from a local Dignity Memorial* provider to call me to discuss my burial benefits.

