

Burial Information and Headstones

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SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS CEMETERY DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS. This application will only be used for certification of eligibility for burial at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery.

A COPY OF THE VETERAN'S DD214 OR DISCHARGE PAPERS IS REQUIRED AND MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION. IF APPLICABLE, A COPY OF MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND DEATH CERTIFICATE, (VETERAN AND/OR SPOUSE) IS ALSO REQUIRED.

VETERAN APPLICANT'S NAME, PERSONAL AND SERVICE INFORMATION: (Type or Print Legibly)

1. LAST NAME (legal last name, <u>not</u> maiden name)		1b. FIRST NAME		1c. MIDDLE NAME	
1d. PHONE NUMBER		2. ADDRESS			2a. EMAIL ADDRESS
3. CITY		3a. STATE	3b. ZIP	4. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	4a. DATE OF DEATH (MM/DD/YYYY)
5. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		6. MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED		7. GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	8. MILITARY STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> VETERAN <input type="checkbox"/> RETIRED
9. DATE OF MILITARY RETIREMENT					
10. BRANCH OF SERVICE <input type="checkbox"/> ARMY <input type="checkbox"/> MARINE CORPS <input type="checkbox"/> NAVY <input type="checkbox"/> AIR FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> COAST GUARD OTHER (specify) _____			11. WAR SERVICE (must be consistent with discharge & federal guidelines) <input type="checkbox"/> WWII <input type="checkbox"/> KOREA <input type="checkbox"/> VIETNAM <input type="checkbox"/> PERSIAN GULF OTHER (specify) _____		
12. SERVICE NUMBER (if applicable)			13. LAST NAME ON DISCHARGE IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE		
14. PERIODS OF <u>ACTIVE DUTY</u> MILITARY SERVICE (MM/DD/YYYY) Entry Date(s): _____ Discharge/Separation Date(s): _____					

SPOUSE'S NAME AND PERSONAL INFORMATION:

15. LAST NAME (legal last name, <u>not</u> maiden name)		15b. FIRST NAME		15c. MIDDLE NAME	
16a. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)		16b. DATE OF DEATH (MM/DD/YYYY)		17. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	
18. WILL VETERAN'S SPOUSE ALSO BE INTERRED AT THIS CEMETERY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				*NOTE* IF THE SPOUSE IS A VETERAN, A SEPARATE APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SUBMITTED	
19. IS THE SPOUSE ALSO A VETERAN? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
20. IF SPOUSE IS ALSO A VETERAN, PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (Only if eligible and all documentation is received prior to veteran spouse burial, otherwise will be in same gravesite)				<input type="checkbox"/> I DESIRE TO BE INTERRED WITH VETERAN OR <input type="checkbox"/> I DESIRE ADJACENT GRAVE/NICHE OF MY OWN	

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

21. LAST NAME		22. FIRST NAME		23. RELATIONSHIP	
24. CURRENT ADDRESS (number, street, city, state, zip)				25. PHONE NUMBER (home or cell)	

****Please forward this form to the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery, 25965 477th Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104****

Instructions and Requirements for South Dakota Veterans Cemetery

Eligibility:

- Criteria for burial at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery is the same as for a national cemetery. For a complete list of eligibility criteria for veterans, spouses and dependents, please visit the National Cemetery Administration website at www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits/eligible.asp
- Marriage - Veteran and spouse **MUST** be legally married. Former spouse of an eligible veteran whose marriage to that veteran has been terminated by annulment or divorce is **not** eligible.

Military Service:

- Veterans may request military service records at the National Archives website at <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>

Residency:

- There are no residency requirements for burial in the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery

Fees:

- There is no fee for a qualifying veteran
- There is a fee for a non-veteran spouse & eligible dependent

PERSONS FOUND GUILTY OF A FEDERAL OR STATE CAPITAL CRIME, ARE INELIGIBLE.

*38 U.S.C. §2411 Summary Persons Found Guilty of a Capital Crime and Persons Convicted of Certain Sex Offenses Under 38 U.S.C. § 2411, interment or memorialization in a VA national cemetery or in Arlington National Cemetery is prohibited if a person is convicted of a federal or state capital crime, for which a sentence of imprisonment for life or the death penalty may be imposed and the conviction is final. Federal officials may not inter in veterans cemeteries persons who are shown by clear and convincing evidence to have committed a federal or state capital crime but were unavailable for trial due to death or flight to avoid prosecution. Federally funded state veterans cemeteries must also adhere to this law. This prohibition is also extended to furnishing a Presidential Memorial Certificate, a burial flag, and a headstone or marker. Under 38 U.S.C. § 2411, interment or memorialization in a VA national cemetery or in Arlington National Cemetery is prohibited if a person is convicted of a Tier III sex offense, who was sentenced to a minimum of life imprisonment and whose conviction is final. Federally funded state and tribal organization veterans cemeteries must also adhere to this law. This prohibition also applies to Presidential Memorial Certificate, burial flag, and headstone and marker benefits.

By signing below, I certify that I am the veteran identified on this document or an authorized individual signing for the veteran. All information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. A fraudulent statement that leads to burial in a state cemetery could result in disinterment from the state cemetery. I acknowledge that otherwise eligible individuals may be barred from burial by committing certain serious crimes, as provided under 38 U.S.C. § 2411. I acknowledge that I am obligated to inform cemetery personnel if such crimes have been committed.

Printed Name: _____

Relationship to veteran: _____

Signature: _____


Date: _____

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Determination of Eligibility - SDVC

- ▶ Supporting Documentation:
 - ▶ DD214 or equivalent discharge documents(s)
 - ▶ 20-year retirement letter
 - ▶ VA service connection letter
 - ▶ Marriage certificate (if applicable)



 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs		APPLICATION FOR PRE-NEED DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL IN A VA NATIONAL CEMETERY			
NOTE: Please read information on reverse before completing this form. If additional space is required, attach a separate sheet of paper.		Submit Application and Supporting Documentation to VA by: Mail: to NCA Intake Center, P.O. Box 5237, Janesville, WI 53547; or Fax: to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at (855) 840-8299			
IMPORTANT: <u>Pre-Need</u> means before death. Only complete this form if you are applying for a Pre-Need determination of eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery. <u>Time of Need</u> means time of death. DO NOT complete this form if the individual is already deceased; instead, contact a local funeral home or the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117 to expedite processing.					
REQUIRED ITEMS: YOU MUST COMPLETE THOSE ITEMS IDENTIFIED WITH AN ASTERISK ()					
SECTION I - VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER <i>(Claim for eligibility for burial are based upon the Veterans/Servicemember's military service)</i>					
*1. VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER NAME <i>(Include Suffix) (Last, First, Middle Name or Initial)</i> <input type="text"/>		3. MAILING ADDRESS <i>(Street, City, State, and ZIP Code, P.O. Box, Rural Routes, etc.)</i> <input type="text"/>		*4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <input type="text"/>	
*2. NAME USED DURING MILITARY SERVICE <i>(Include Suffix) (If different than Item 1) (Last, First, Middle Name)</i> <input type="text"/>				5. MILITARY SERVICE NUMBER <i>(If different from SSN)</i> <input type="text"/>	
				6. VA CLAIM NUMBER <i>(If known)</i> <input type="text"/>	
*7. SEX <i>(Optional. Information will be used for statistical purposes only)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> MALE					
*8. RACE OR ETHNICITY <i>(Select one or more) (Information will be used for statistical purposes only)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN OR ASIAN AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC OR LATINO <input type="checkbox"/> NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE					
9. DATE OF BIRTH <i>(MM/DD/YYYY)</i> <input type="text"/>		10. PLACE OF BIRTH <i>(City, State or Territory)</i> <input type="text"/>		*11. IS VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER DECEASED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW	
				12. DATE OF DEATH <i>(If applicable) (MM/DD/YYYY)</i> <input type="text"/>	
*13. MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED					
*14. MILITARY STATUS USED TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> A. VETERAN <input type="checkbox"/> B. RETIRED ACTIVE DUTY <input type="checkbox"/> C. DIED ON ACTIVE DUTY <input type="checkbox"/> D. RETIRED RESERVE <input type="checkbox"/> E. RETIRED NATIONAL GUARD <input type="checkbox"/> F. DEATH RELATED TO INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING <input type="checkbox"/> G. OTHER <i>(See instructions)</i>					
MILITARY SERVICE DATA					
*15. BRANCH OF SERVICE <input type="text"/>		16. DATE OF ENTRY <i>(MM/DD/YYYY)</i> <input type="text"/>	17. DATE OF DISCHARGE <i>(MM/DD/YYYY)</i> <input type="text"/>	18. DISCHARGE - CHARACTER OF SERVICE <i>(See instructions)</i> <input type="text"/>	19. HIGHEST RANK ATTAINED <i>(No pay grades)</i> <input type="text"/>
					20. STATE <i>(Abbrev.) (National Guard Service Only)</i> <input type="text"/>
21. IS THERE ANYONE CURRENTLY BURIED IN A VA NATIONAL CEMETERY UNDER THIS VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER'S ELIGIBILITY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>(Complete Item 22)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>(Skip Item 22)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW <i>(Skip Item 22)</i>					
22. NAME OF DECEDENT(S) AND VA NATIONAL CEMETERY WHERE BURIED <input type="text"/>				23. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED <i>(See instructions for information on recommended documentation.)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
SECTION II - CLAIMANT INFORMATION <i>(Information about the individual for whom determination for eligibility for burial in a VA National Cemetery is requested)</i>					
*24. CLAIMANT <i>(See instructions) (**Each Claimant requires a separate VA Form 40-10007)</i> <input type="text"/> (Name) Last First Middle			*25. CLAIMANT'S MAILING ADDRESS <i>(Street, City, State, and ZIP Code, P.O. Box, Rural Routes, etc.) (If different from Item 3)</i> <input type="text"/>		
WHO IS (Check one): <input type="checkbox"/> A. THE VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER NAMED IN ITEM 1 <input type="checkbox"/> B. THE SPOUSE/SURVIVING SPOUSE OF THE VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER IN ITEM 1 <input type="checkbox"/> C. AN UNMARRIED ADULT CHILD OF THE VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER IN ITEM 1 <i>(Additional documentation required. Please read instructions on reverse carefully if selecting 24C.)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> D. OTHER <i>(Please specify)</i>			26. CLAIMANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER <i>(Include Area Code)</i> <input type="text"/>	*27. CLAIMANT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <i>(If different from Item 4)</i> <input type="text"/>	
			*28. CLAIMANT'S DATE OF BIRTH <i>(If different from Item 9) (MM/DD/YYYY)</i> <input type="text"/>	*29. CLAIMANT'S MAIDEN NAME <i>(If applicable)</i> <input type="text"/>	
30. DESIRED VA NATIONAL OR STATE/TRIBAL CEMETERY <i>(Optional - See instructions)</i> <input type="text"/>					
31. EMAIL ADDRESS <input type="text"/>					

SECTION III - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

CERTIFICATION: By signing below, I certify that I am the Claimant identified in item 24, or an individual signing for the Claimant identified in Item 35. All of the information entered on this form about the Claimant is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. A fraudulent statement that leads to burial in a national cemetery or receiving other benefits from the VA could result in disinterment from that national cemetery and other penalties in accordance with the law. I acknowledge that otherwise eligible individuals may be barred from burial for committing certain serious crimes, as provided under 38 U.S.C. § 2411. VA will therefore validate a previous determination of eligibility at the time of need to check for those bars in addition to law changes or Claimant status changes that may affect eligibility of the Claimant.

*32. YOUR SIGNATURE



*33. DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)



*34. YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE CLAIMANT IN ITEM 24 (Check one) (See instructions)

- A. SELF (Stop here. Leave Items 35-38 blank)
- B. INDIVIDUAL SIGNING FOR THE CLAIMANT who is under 18 years of age, is mentally incompetent, or is physically unable to sign the pre-need application (Complete items 35 through 38)

*35. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL FROM ITEM 34B COMPLETING FOR THE CLAIMANT (Last, First, Middle Name)



*36. MAILING ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING THIS FORM FOR THE CLAIMANT (Street, City, State, and Zip Code, P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc.)



*37. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code) (Optional)



38. EMAIL ADDRESS



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 <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/eligibility> or call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117. For the purposes of this form, the term burial includes inurnment (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. The equivalent of this form can be completed online at <https://www.va.gov/burials-and-memorials/pre-need/form-10007-apply-for-eligibility/introduction>. 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 14	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 qualifies. 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 18	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.
ITEM 23	Supporting military service 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 the highest rank and valor awards and decorations, 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.

SECTION II: CLAIMANT INFORMATION

ITEM 24	Each Claimant requires a separate VA Form 40-10007.
	24b. 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 VA national cemetery.
	24c. 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. Before VA can approve a claim for an unmarried adult child, we will require statements from both the Veteran, spouse of the Veteran, and/or authorized representative AND the current attending physician (on physician's letterhead) stating the nature of the disability, date of onset of the disability, degree of dependency on the Veteran or Veteran's family, and the marital status of the child. Please provide photocopies of these statements with the application. <i>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 unmarried and 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.</i>
ITEMS 30 AND 31	24d. Please explain your Claimant status or relationship to the Veteran/Servicemember. A list of VA national cemeteries is available online at https://www.cem.va.gov/find-cemetery/all-national.asp . A favorable Pre-Need determination of eligibility does not guarantee burial in a specific 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

ITEMS 32 AND 33	The pre-need application must be signed (Item 32) and dated (Item 33) for VA to process.
ITEM 34	You must indicate your relationship to the claimant in Item 34. 34a. Check (A) if you are the claimant
	34b. Check (B) and complete Items 35-38 if you 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 or 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: Title 38 U.S.C. 2402 authorizes the solicitation of this 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. VA considers the requested information relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law. The purpose for which the records are used will include, but will not be limited to the provision of VA burial and memorial benefits; provision of information about VA burial and memorial benefits, including specific claims; determination of eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery; disclosure of military service information upon request from VA funded State and Tribal Veterans cemeteries; coordination of committal services and interment upon request of families, funeral homes, and others of eligible decedents at VA national cemeteries.

Respondent Burden: An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this project is 2900-0784, and it expires 03/31/2026. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per respondent, per year, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate and any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to VA Reports Clearance Officer at VACOPaperworkReduAct@va.gov. Please refer to OMB Control No. 2900-0784 in any correspondence. Do not send your completed VA Form 40-10007 to this email address.

Burial Process

- ▶ SD Veterans Cemetery
 - ▶ Schedule Burial
 - ▶ Complete the following forms:
 - ▶ Burial Application
 - ▶ Headstone/Niche Monument form
 - ▶ Release for Funeral Honors
- ▶ National Cemetery
 - ▶ Call National Scheduling Office
 - ▶ 855-840-8299
 - ▶ If TIME OF NEED - Veteran or spouse has passed- call 800 number
 - ▶ DO NOT complete 40-10007

Headstones and Medallions In Private Cemetery

GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

CLAIM FOR STANDARD GOVERNMENT HEADSTONE OR MARKER

RESPONDENT BURDEN - An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this project is 2900-0222, and it expires 09/30/2027. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per respondent, per year, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate and any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to VA Reports Clearance Officer at VACOPaperworkReduAct@va.gov. Please refer to OMB Control No. 2900-0222 in any correspondence. Do not send your completed VA Form 40-1330 to this email address.

PRIVACY ACT - 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, 48VA40B, published in the Federal Register. VA considers the requested information relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law.

BENEFIT PROVIDED

a. BURIAL HEADSTONE OR MARKER

For Veterans who died on or after November 1, 1990 - VA will furnish a burial headstone or marker for the grave of any eligible deceased Veteran in a private or local government cemetery regardless of whether or not the grave is marked with a privately-purchased, permanent and durable headstone or marker.

For Veterans who died before November 1, 1990 - VA will furnish a burial headstone or marker for the UNMARKED GRAVE of any eligible deceased Veteran. The applicant must certify by checking "NO" in block 4 that a privately-purchased, permanent and durable headstone or marker or Government-furnished headstone or marker is not present on the grave.

b. MEMORIAL HEADSTONE OR MARKER - VA will furnish a memorial headstone or marker to commemorate an eligible deceased Veteran whose remains have not been recovered or identified, were buried at sea, donated to science, or cremated and the remains scattered. VA will only furnish a memorial headstone or marker after the disposition of the Veteran's remains. Once provided by VA, a memorial headstone or marker **must be placed in an established cemetery**, and will not be used as a memento. For a memorial headstone or marker, the applicant must check box in block 2 and explain the disposition of the remains.

c. PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE - A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is an engraved paper certificate, bearing the signature of the current president, to honor the memory of Veterans discharged under other than dishonorable conditions. VA will provide the applicant with a PMC if the Veteran is eligible for a headstone, marker, or medallion. The applicant may request additional PMCs by indicating how many in block 22 of this form. Applicants may use a VA Form 40-0247, Presidential Memorial Certificate Request Form to order additional PMCs to other addresses.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE - Any deceased Veteran who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable or any Servicemember of the Armed Forces of the United States who dies on active duty may be eligible. **Service after September 7, 1980 for enlisted, and October 16, 1981 for officers, must be for a minimum of 24 months continuous active duty or be completed under special circumstances, e.g., death on active duty.** Persons who have only limited active duty service for training while in the National Guard or Reserves are not eligible unless there are special circumstances, e.g., death while on active duty, or as a result of training. Reservists and National Guard members who, at time of death, were entitled to retired pay, or would have been entitled, but for being under the age of 60, are eligible; please submit a copy of the Reserve Retirement Eligibility Benefits Letter with the claim. Reservists called to active duty other than training and National Guard members who are Federalized and who serve for the period called are eligible. Service prior to World War I requires detailed military and burial documentation, e.g., muster rolls, extracts from State files, military or State organization where served, pension or land warrant, etc.

WHO CAN APPLY - Federal regulation defines "applicant" for a **Burial Headstone or Marker** that will mark the gravesite or burial site of an eligible deceased individual as:

- (i) 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(b)(1)(ii) 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;
- (ii) 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 interment of the remains or memorialization of a deceased individual;
- (iii) A representative of a Congressionally-chartered Veterans Service Organization;
- (iv) An individual employed by the relevant state, tribal organization, or local government whose official responsibilities include serving veterans and families of veterans, such as a state or county veterans service officer;
- (v) Any individual who is responsible, under the laws of the relevant state or locality, for the disposition of the unclaimed remains of the decedent or for other matters relating to the interment or memorialization of the decedent; or
- (vi) Any individual, if the dates of service of the veteran to be memorialized, or on whose service the eligibility of another individual for memorialization is based, ended prior to April 6, 1917.

Federal regulation defines "applicant" for a **Memorial Headstone or Marker** to commemorate an eligible individual as a member of the decedent's family, which includes the decedent's spouse or individual who was in a legal union as defined in 38 CFR 3.1702(b)(1)(ii) 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.

HOW TO SUBMIT A CLAIM - Please attach a copy of the deceased Veteran's discharge certificate (DD Form 214 or equivalent), the VA Pre-Need Eligibility Determination letter, or a copy of other official document(s) establishing qualifying 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 documents;** they will not be returned.

ELECTRONICALLY submit your claim and supporting documents by using Quick Submit at <https://cauth.va.gov/accessva/>. You will be instructed to register during your first sign-on attempt. **Multiple claims can be submitted electronically via Quick Submit.**

If you prefer, you may MAIL claims to: NCA FP Evidence Intake Center
PO Box 5237
Janesville, WI 53547

FAX VA Form 40-1330 claims and supporting documents to **1-800-455-7143**.

IMPORTANT: *If faxing more than one claim - fax each claim package (claim plus supporting documents) individually, i.e., disconnect the call and redial for each submission.*

SIGNATURES REQUIRED - The applicant signs in block 23; the person agreeing to accept delivery (consignee) in block 27, and the cemetery or other responsible official in block 31. If there is no official on duty at the cemetery, the signature of the person responsible for the property listed in block 29 is required. VA will not accept entries of "None," "Not Applicable," or "NA". State Veterans' Cemeteries are not required to complete blocks 25 through 33.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED - Should you have questions when filling out this form, you may contact our Applicant Assistance Unit toll free at: 1-800-697-6947, or at: ask.va.gov. If additional assistance is needed to complete this claim, contact the nearest VA Regional Office, national cemetery, or a local veterans' organization. No fee should be paid in connection with the preparation of this claim.

TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY OF MARKER - VA will ship the headstone or marker without charge to the consignee designated. The truck driver is required to bring the pallet or monument to the end of the trailer. The consignee must utilize their equipment to unload the pallet or monument from the truck and inspect the headstone or marker for accuracy prior to installation. **VA will not deliver a headstone or marker to a Post Office box.** The applicant must provide the full delivery address and telephone number of the consignee. The applicant must explain in block 33 if the consignee is not a business. For delivery to a Rural Route address, the applicant must include a daytime telephone number including area code. If the applicant fails to include the required address and telephone number, VA will not deliver the marker. The Government is not responsible for costs to install or remove the headstone or marker in private cemeteries.

CAUTION - *To avoid delays in the production and delivery of the headstone or marker, please check carefully to be sure you have accurately furnished all required information before faxing or mailing the claim. If inaccurate information is furnished, it may result in an incorrectly inscribed headstone or marker. Headstones and markers furnished remain the property of the United States Government and may not be used for any purpose other than to be placed at an eligible individual's grave or in a memorial section within a cemetery.*

DETACH AND RETAIN THIS GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET FOR YOUR RECORDS.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF STANDARD GOVERNMENT HEADSTONES AND MARKERS

**UPRIGHT HEADSTONE
WHITE MARBLE (U) OR
LIGHT GRAY GRANITE (V)**



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. Additional inscription is limited to 15 characters (including spaces) up to four lines maximum.



Spousal inscription information (i.e., name, date of birth, and date of death) is authorized on a Government-furnished headstone or marker if the Veteran's date of death is on or after October 1, 2019. For flat markers, the spousal information is inscribed at the bottom. For upright headstones, the spousal information is inscribed on the back.

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. The applicant must submit detailed documentation to VA that supports eligibility for a historic headstone. Inscriptions on these headstone types are intentionally limited to assure historic accuracy. For example, only ranks above 'Private' were historically authorized; emblems of belief and the words 'Civil War' are not authorized.

BRONZE NICHE (Z)



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, permanent and durable headstone or marker for eligible Veterans who died on or after November 1, 1990 and are buried in a private cemetery. Additional inscription is limited to 27 characters (including spaces) up to two lines maximum.



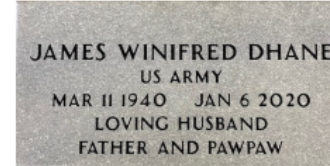
VA will include a Prisoner of War (POW) or Former Prisoner of War (FPOW) inscription, upon request and with confirmation. Character and space limitations apply based on marker type.

**FLAT MARKERS
BRONZE (B)**



This grave marker is 24 inches long, 12 inches wide, with 3/4 inch rise. Weight is approximately 18 pounds. Anchor bolts, nuts and washers for fastening to a base are furnished with the marker. The concrete base or slab is not furnished by the Government, and some cemeteries may require a base or slab as part of the installation. VA will not pay for or reimburse for this cost. Additional inscription is limited to 27 characters (including spaces) up to two lines maximum.

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



This grave marker is 24 inches long, 12 inches wide, and 4 inches thick. Weight is approximately 130 pounds. Variations may occur in stone color; the marble may contain light to moderate veining. Additional inscription is limited to 27 characters (including spaces) up to two lines maximum.

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. Additional inscription is limited to 22 characters (including spaces) up to two lines maximum.

INSCRIPTION INFORMATION

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 include: 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. Space Force (USSF), U.S. Army Air Forces (USAAF), Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS), National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASP), and other organizations authorized for certain periods of time. Different examples of inscription formats are illustrated above. More than one branch of service is permitted, subject to space availability. VA will inscribe the phrase "IN MEMORY OF" on all memorial headstones and markers, as required under 38 CFR 38.630(c).

OPTIONAL ITEMS - Information in English about the decedent (provided by an authorized applicant). Optional items are identified by bold blocks on this form. Periods of war 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., Korea may be inscribed if the Veteran served during the Korean War period, even though the individual never served in the country. VA will inscribe authorized country names (e.g., Afghanistan, Iraq, etc.) as the periods of war only if the individual served in country. The applicant must submit supporting documentation to VA to have the highest rank and/or awards inscribed on the headstone or marker.

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. The applicant must request an additional inscription item in block 18, and each request is subject to VA approval. VA will not inscribe graphics, emblems or pictures. VA will inscribe authorized emblems of belief, the Medal of Honor, and the Southern Cross of Honor for Civil War Confederates.

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 INSCRIPTION.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs		CLAIM FOR STANDARD GOVERNMENT HEADSTONE OR MARKER			
IMPORTANT: Please read the General Information Sheet before completing this form. Type or print clearly all information except for signatures. Illegible printing could result in an incorrect headstone or marker or delivery. Failure to complete each block may result in delayed processing. <i>Blocks outlined in bold are optional inscription items. PLEASE INCLUDE MILITARY DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS.</i>		1. TYPE OF REQUEST <input type="checkbox"/> INITIAL REQUEST (First time) <input type="checkbox"/> REPLACEMENT (Specify reason in Block 33, Remarks)		2. CHECK BOX IF REMAINS ARE NOT BURIED AND EXPLAIN BELOW (e.g., buried at sea, remains scattered, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS NOT BURIED	
3. NAME OF DECEASED TO BE INSCRIBED ON HEADSTONE OR MARKER (No Nicknames or titles permitted)					
FIRST (Or Initial)	MIDDLE (Or Initial)	LAST	SUFFIX (Sr., Jr., II, III, etc.)		
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
5. RACE OR ETHNICITY (You may select more than one. Information will be used for statistical purposes only.) <input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN OR ASIAN AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC OR LATINO <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER <input type="checkbox"/> NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE			6. SEX (Information will be used for statistical purposes only.) <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> MALE		
VETERAN'S SERVICE AND IDENTIFYING INFORMATION (Use numbers only, e.g., 05-15-1941)					
7. VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NO. AND/OR SERVICE NO. SSN (999-99-9999): SVC. NO (99999999):		8. PLACE OF BIRTH (City and State or Country)		9A. DATE OF BIRTH MONTH DAY YEAR	
				9B. DATE OF DEATH MONTH DAY YEAR	
PERIODS OF ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY (For additional space use Block 33) 10A. DATE(S) ENTERED 10B. DATE(S) SEPARATED MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH DAY YEAR			11. HIGHEST RANK ATTAINED (Optional, but if included, no pay grade)		
			12. PRISONER OF WAR (Optional, but if included, documentation must be provided) <input type="checkbox"/> POW <input type="checkbox"/> FORMER POW (FPOW)		
13. BRANCH OF SERVICE (Check applicable box(es) - must be consistent with rank in Box 11) <input type="checkbox"/> ARMY <input type="checkbox"/> NAVY <input type="checkbox"/> MARINE CORPS <input type="checkbox"/> COAST GUARD <input type="checkbox"/> AIR FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> ARMY AIR FORCES <input type="checkbox"/> MERCHANT MARINE <input type="checkbox"/> SPACE FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC HEALTH SVC. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify):			14. VALOR OR PURPLE HEART AWARD(S) (Optional, but if included, documentation must be provided) <input type="checkbox"/> MEDAL OF HONOR <input type="checkbox"/> DST SVC CROSS <input type="checkbox"/> SILVER STAR <input type="checkbox"/> DST FLYING CROSS <input type="checkbox"/> PURPLE HEART <input type="checkbox"/> AIR MEDAL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify):		
15. TYPE OF HEADSTONE OR MARKER REQUESTED (Please ensure marker selection is permitted at selected cemetery) (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> (B) FLAT BRONZE <input type="checkbox"/> (G) FLAT GRANITE <input type="checkbox"/> (U) UPRIGHT MARBLE <input type="checkbox"/> (F) FLAT MARBLE <input type="checkbox"/> (Z) BRONZE NICHE <input type="checkbox"/> (V) UPRIGHT GRANITE <input type="checkbox"/> (L) SMALL FLAT GRANITE			16. PERIODS OF WAR (Optional, but if included, check all applicable box(es)) <input type="checkbox"/> WORLD WAR II <input type="checkbox"/> PERSIAN GULF <input type="checkbox"/> KOREA <input type="checkbox"/> AFGHANISTAN <input type="checkbox"/> VIETNAM <input type="checkbox"/> IRAQ <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify):		
17. EMBLEM OF BELIEF (Optional) <input type="checkbox"/> EMBLEM NUMBER (Specify) (See page 5 for available emblems) <input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
18. ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTION/TERM OF ENDEARMENT (Optional) (Space will vary according to type of marker)					
19A. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (No., Street, City, State, and ZIP Code)			19B. DAYTIME OR CELL TELEPHONE NUMBER OF APPLICANT (Include Area Code)		
			19C. E-MAIL ADDRESS	19D. FAX NO. (Optional)	
20. APPLICANT IS: <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY MEMBER (Specify relationship): <input type="checkbox"/> VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER <input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (Person responsible for decisions concerning burial of decedent; include written authorization)					
21. IF REMAINS ARE UNCLAIMED, APPLICANT IS: <input type="checkbox"/> FUNERAL HOME (that received remains) <input type="checkbox"/> CEMETERY (where remains are buried)			22. PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE (bearing the signature of the current President) the number you request to be mailed to you. VA will send one certificate if no quantity is indicated and "none" is not selected _____ NUMBER REQUESTED <input type="checkbox"/> NONE		

NAME OF DECEASED VETERAN		DECEASED VETERAN'S SSN OR SERVICE NUMBER	
		SSN (999-99-9999):	SVC. NO (99999999):
<p>CERTIFICATION: By signing below I certify the headstone or marker will be installed in the cemetery listed in block 29 at no expense to the Government and all information entered on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also 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 the Veteran was sentenced to a minimum of life imprisonment or a period of 99 years or more.</p> <p>PENALTY: The law provides severe penalties, which include fine or imprisonment, or both, for the willful submission of any statement or evidence of a material fact, knowing it to be false or for the fraudulent acceptance of any benefit to which you are not entitled.</p>			
23. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT			24. DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
<p>CERTIFICATION: By signing below I agree to accept prepaid delivery of the headstone or marker for placement on the gravesite for which it is requested, or if placement on the grave is impossible or impractical, as close to the grave as possible within the grounds of the private or local governmental cemetery where the grave is located.</p>			
25. NAME AND DELIVERY ADDRESS OF BUSINESS (CONSIGNEE) THAT WILL ACCEPT PREPAID DELIVERY (No., Street, City, State, and ZIP Code; P.O. BOX IS NOT ACCEPTABLE) MUST SIGN IN BLOCK 27	26. DAYTIME OR CELL PHONE NO. OF CONSIGNEE (Include Area Code)	27. PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE OF PERSON REPRESENTING BUSINESS (CONSIGNEE) NAMED IN BLOCK 25	28. DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
<p>CERTIFICATION: By signing below I certify the type and placement of the headstone or marker in block 15 adheres to the policies and guidelines of the selected private cemetery in block 25.</p>			
29. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CEMETERY OR FAMILY PLOT WHERE GRAVE IS LOCATED (No., Street, City, State, and ZIP Code) MUST SIGN IN BLOCK 31	30. DAYTIME PHONE NO. OF CEMETERY (Include Area Code)	31. PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE OF CEMETERY OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL	32. DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
33. REMARKS		34. STATION NO. (State/Tribal Cemetery Only)	
		35. SECTION/GRAVE NO. (State/Tribal Cemetery Only)	

AVAILABLE EMBLEMS OF BELIEF FOR PLACEMENT ON GOVERNMENT
HEADSTONES AND MARKERS (See block 17)

 (01) CHRISTIAN CROSS	 (02) BUDDHIST (Wheel of Righteousness)	 (03) JEWISH (Star of David)	 (04) PRESBYTERIAN CROSS	 (05) RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CROSS	 (06) LUTHERAN CROSS	 (07) EPISCOPAL CROSS	 (08) UNITARIAN CHURCH (Flaming Chalice)	 (09) UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	 (10) AFRICAN METHODIST CHURCH
 (11) MORMON (Angel Moroni)	 (12) NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA	 (13) SERBIAN ORTHODOX	 (14) GREEK CROSS	 (15) BAHAI (9 Pointed Star)	 (16) ATHEIST	 (17) MUSLIM (Crescent and Star)	 (18) HINDU	 (19) KONKO- KYO FAITH	 (20) COMMUNITY OF CHRIST
 (21) SUFISM REORIENTED	 (22) TENRIKYO CHURCH	 (23) SEICHO-NO-IE	 (24) CHURCH OF WORLD MESSIANITY	 (25) UNITED CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE	 (26) CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH	 (27) UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH	 (28) ECKANKAR	 (29) CHRISTIAN CHURCH	 (30) CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE
 (31) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	 (32) HUMANIST	 (33) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)	 (34) IZUMO TAISHAKYO MISSION OF HAWAII	 (35) SOKA GAKKAI INTERNATIONAL (USA)	 (36) SIKH (KHANDA)	 (37) WICCA (Pinnacle)	 (38) LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD	 (39) NEW APOSTOLIC CHURCH	 (40) SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
 (41) CELTIC CROSS	 (42) ARMENIAN CROSS	 (43) FAROHAR	 (44) MESSIANIC JEWISH	 (45) KORHEN HANDS	 (46) CATHOLIC CELTIC CROSS	 (47) CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST (Cross & Crown)	 (48) MEDICINE WHEEL	 (49) INFINITY	 (51) LUTHER ROSE
 (52) LANDING EAGLE	 (53) FOUR DIRECTIONS	 (54) CHURCH OF NAZARENE	 (55) HAMMER OF THOR	 (56) UNIFICATION CHURCH	 (57) SANDHILL CRANE	 (58) CHURCH OF GOD	 (59) POMEGRANATE	 (60) MESSIANIC	 (61) SHINTO
 (62) SACRED HEART	 (63) AFRICAN ANCESTRAL TRADITIONALIST (Nyame Ye Otiene)	 (64) MALTESE CROSS	 (65) DRUID (Awen)	 (66) WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD	 (67) POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH	 (68) GUARDIAN ANGEL	 (69) HEART	 (70) SHEPHERD AND FLAG	 (71) AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL
 (72) EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	 (73) UNIVERSALIST CROSS	 (74) FAITH AND PRAYER	 (75) ICHTHYS	 (76) NICHIREN SHOSHU TEMPLE	 (77) DOVE OF PEACE	 (78) KINGIAN FAITH	Emblems 79 through 97 have not yet been assigned		 (98) DRUZE

To obtain the most recent information about headstones and markers including the complete and most current list of available emblems of belief (listing and graphics), please visit our website at <https://www.cem.va.gov/hmm/types.asp>.

CLAIM FOR GOVERNMENT MEDALLION TO AFFIX TO A PRIVATE MARKER

GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

RESPONDENT BURDEN - An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this project is 2900-0222, and it expires 09/30/2027. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per respondent, per year, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate and any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to VA Reports Clearance Officer at VACOPaperworkReduAct@va.gov. Please refer to OMB Control No. 2900-0222 in any correspondence. Do not send your completed VA Form 40-1330M to this email address.

PRIVACY ACT - 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, 48VA40B, published in the Federal Register. VA considers the 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)

VA will furnish a medallion 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 or local Government cemetery. The medallion is made of bronze and available in three sizes: Large, Medium, Small. Each medallion is inscribed with the word VETERAN across the top and the Branch of Service at the bottom (*see Note in Block 11 of the claim for further information*).

Shown below are the three medallions with the actual dimensions (+/- 1/32") for width and height.



Large Medallion
Dimensions: 6 3/8" W, 4 3/4" H, 1/2" D



Medium Medallion
Dimensions: 3 3/4" W, 2 7/8" H, 1/4" D



Small Medallion
Dimensions: 2" W, 1 1/2" H, 1/3" D

WHO IS ELIGIBLE - Any deceased Veteran discharged under honorable 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 is buried in a private cemetery in a grave marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. Service after September 7, 1980 for enlisted, and October 16, 1981 for officers, must be for a minimum of 24 months continuous active duty or be completed under special circumstances, e.g., death on active duty. Persons who have only limited active duty service for training while in the National Guard or Reserves are not eligible unless there are special circumstances, e.g., death while on active duty, or as a result of training. Reservists and National Guard members who, at time of death, were entitled to retired pay, or would have been entitled, but for being under the age of 60, are eligible; please submit a copy of the Reserve Retirement Eligibility Benefits Letter with the claim. Reservists called to active duty other than training and National Guard members who are Federalized and who serve for the period called are eligible.

MEDAL OF HONOR MEDALLION - VA will furnish a medallion signifying a Veteran's status as a Medal of Honor recipient. The applicant must request a Medal of Honor Medallion in block 13 and submit supporting documentation to VA.

WHO CAN APPLY - An "applicant" for a Medallion may be any of the following:

- (i) 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(b)(1)(ii) 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;
- (ii) 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 interment of the remains or memorialization of a deceased individual;
- (iii) A representative of a Congressionally-chartered Veterans Service Organization;
- (iv) An individual employed by the relevant state, tribal organization, or local government whose official responsibilities include serving veterans and families of veterans, such as a state or county veterans service officer; or
- (v) Any individual who is responsible, under the laws of the relevant state or locality, for the disposition of the unclaimed remains of the decedent or for other matters relating to the interment or memorialization of the decedent.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE - A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is an engraved paper certificate, signed bearing the signature of the current president, to honor the memory of Veterans discharged under other than dishonorable conditions. VA will provide the applicant with a PMC if the Veteran is eligible for a headstone, marker, or medallion. The applicant may request additional PMCs by indicating how many in block 20 of this form. Applicants may use a VA Form 40-0247, Presidential Memorial Certificate Request Form to order additional PMCs to other addresses.

HOW TO SUBMIT A CLAIM - Please attach a copy of the deceased Veteran's discharge certificate (DD Form 214 or equivalent), the VA Pre-Need Eligibility Determination letter, or a copy of other official document(s) establishing qualifying 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 documents; they will not be returned.

ELECTRONICALLY submit your claim and supporting documents by using Quick Submit at <https://eauth.va.gov/access/va/>. You will be instructed to register during your first sign-on attempt. Multiple claims can be submitted electronically via Quick Submit.

If you prefer, you may MAIL claims to: NCA FP Evidence Intake Center
PO Box 5237
Janesville, WI 53547

FAX: VA Form 40-1330M claims and supporting documents to 1-800-455-7143. **IMPORTANT:** If faxing more than one claim - fax each claim package (claim plus supporting documents) individually, i.e., disconnect the call and redial for each submission.

VA will furnish a medallion only upon receipt of a fully completed and signed claim with required supporting documentation.


SIGNATURES REQUIRED - The claimant signs in block 21; the cemetery or other responsible official signs in block 26. If there is no official on duty at the cemetery, the signature of the person responsible for the property listed in block 25 is required. Entries of "None," "Not Applicable," or "NA" will not be accepted.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED - Should you have questions when filling out this form, you may contact our Applicant Assistance Unit toll free at: 1-800-697-6947, or at: ask.va.gov. If additional assistance is needed to complete this claim, contact the nearest VA Regional Office, national cemetery, or a local veterans' organization. No fee should be paid in connection with the preparation of this claim.

DELIVERY - VA will ship the medallion without charge to the name/address designated in Block 23. The Government is not responsible for costs associated with affixing the medallion to the privately purchased headstone or marker. Appropriate affixing adhesives, hardware and instructions will be provided with the medallion.

CAUTION - To avoid delays in the production and delivery of the medallion, please check carefully to be sure you have accurately furnished all required information and documents before faxing or mailing the claim. The Government is not responsible for costs associated with affixing the medallion to the privately purchased headstone or marker. Medallions furnished remain the property of the United States Government and may not be used for any purpose other than to be affixed to the privately purchased headstone or marker of an eligible deceased Veteran buried in a private or local Government cemetery.


DETACH AND RETAIN THIS GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET FOR YOUR RECORDS.

 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs		CLAIM FOR GOVERNMENT MEDALLION FOR PLACEMENT IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY	
IMPORTANT: Please read the General Information Sheet before completing this claim. Type or print clearly all information except for signatures. Illegible printing could result in incorrect delivery of the medallion. Failure to complete each block may result in delayed processing. PLEASE INCLUDE COPIES OF MILITARY DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS AND DEATH CERTIFICATE.			
1. TYPE OF REQUEST <input type="checkbox"/> INITIAL REQUEST (<i>First Time</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> REPLACEMENT		2. REASON FOR REPLACEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> DAMAGE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-RECIPT <input type="checkbox"/> INCORRECT BRANCH OF SERVICE <input type="checkbox"/> WRONG SIZE (<i>Incorrect Type</i>)	
3. NAME OF DECEASED VETERAN			
FIRST (<i>Or Initial</i>)	MIDDLE (<i>Or Initial</i>)	LAST	SUFFIX
			4. ARE REMAINS BURIED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
5. THERE MUST BE A SET HEADSTONE, MAUSOLEUM, OR CRYPT IN PLACE TO AFFIX THE MEDALLION. IS GRAVE CURRENTLY MARKED WITH A PRIVATELY PURCHASED PERMANENT AND DURABLE MARKER? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
6. RACE OR ETHNICITY (<i>You may select more than one. Information will be used for statistical purposes only</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN OR ASIAN AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE <input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC OR LATINO		7. SEX (<i>Information will be used for statistical purposes only</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> MALE	
VETERAN'S SERVICE AND IDENTIFYING INFORMATION			
8. VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NO. AND/OR SERVICE NO. SSN (999-99-9999): <input type="text"/>		9. PLACE OF BIRTH (<i>City and State or Country</i>) <input type="text"/>	
SVC. NO (99999999): <input type="text"/>			
PERIODS OF ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY			
10A. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	10B. DATE OF DEATH (MM/DD/YYYY)	11A. DATE(S) ENTERED (MM/DD/YYYY)	11B. DATE(S) SEPARATED (MM/DD/YYYY)
12. BRANCH OF SERVICE (BOS) (<i>Check applicable box(es)</i>) NOTE: <i>If one BOS is selected, it will be spelled out on the medallion, i.e. U.S. ARMY, U.S. AIR FORCE, etc. If more than one BOS is selected, they will be abbreviated on the medallion, i.e. USA, USAF, USN, USMC, USCG, etc.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> ARMY <input type="checkbox"/> MARINE CORPS <input type="checkbox"/> COAST GUARD <input type="checkbox"/> MERCHANT MARINE <input type="checkbox"/> NAVY <input type="checkbox"/> AIR FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> ARMY AIR FORCES (II/III) <input type="checkbox"/> SPACE FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC HEALTH SVC. <input type="checkbox"/> NATL. OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMIN. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (<i>Specify</i>): <input type="text"/>			
13. MEDAL OF HONOR AWARD (<i>Optional, but if included, documentation must be provided</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> MEDAL OF HONOR			
14. MEDALLION SIZE REQUESTED (<i>Check one</i>) (<i>Refer to general information sheet for exact sizes</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> LARGE (M5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEDIUM (M3) <input type="checkbox"/> SMALL (M1)			
15. APPLICANT IS: <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY MEMBER (<i>Specify Relationship</i>): <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER <input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (<i>Person responsible for decisions concerning burial of decedent; include written authorization</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (<i>Specify</i>): <input type="text"/>		16. IF REMAINS ARE UNCLAIMED, APPLICANT IS: <input type="checkbox"/> FUNERAL HOME (<i>that received remains</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> CEMETERY (<i>where remains are buried</i>)	
17. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT <i>(No., Street, City, State, and ZIP Code)</i> <input type="text"/>		18. DAYTIME PHONE NO. OF APPLICANT <input type="text"/>	19. E-MAIL ADDRESS <input type="text"/>
20. PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE (<i>bearing the signature of the current President</i>) (<i>the number you request to be mailed to you. VA will send one certificate if no quantity is indicated and "none" is not selected</i>) NUMBER REQUESTED: <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NONE			

NAME OF DECEASED VETERAN		DECEASED VETERAN'S SSN OR SERVICE NUMBER	
<input type="text"/>		SSN (999-99-9999):	SVC. NO (99999999):
<p>CERTIFICATION: By signing below I certify the medallion will be affixed to a privately purchased headstone or marker in the cemetery listed in Block 24 at no expense to the Government, and that I (or the party listed in Block 22) have agreed to accept delivery, and all information entered on this claim is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also 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 the Veteran was sentenced to a minimum of life imprisonment or a period of 99 years or more.</p>			
<p>PENALTY: The law provides severe penalties, which include fine or imprisonment, or both, for the willful submission of any statement or evidence of a material fact, knowing it to be false or for the fraudulent acceptance of any benefit to which you are not entitled.</p>			
21. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		22. DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
23. NAME AND DELIVERY ADDRESS FOR MEDALLION (No., Street, City, State, and ZIP Code); (If same as applicant, please enter SAME)	24. DAYTIME PHONE NO. (Include Area Code)	25. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CEMETERY WHERE PRIVATELY PURCHASED HEADSTONE, MARKER, MAUSOLEUM, OR CRYPT TO AFFIX THE MEDALLION OF THE DECEASED VETERAN IS LOCATED (No., Street, City, State, and ZIP Code)	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
<p>CERTIFICATION: By signing below I certify the size medallion indicated above is permitted in the cemetery.</p>			
26. SIGNATURE OF CEMETERY OFFICIAL		27. DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	

Burial Flag and Military Honors

The background features a series of overlapping, semi-transparent geometric shapes in various shades of blue and red, creating a modern, abstract design. The shapes are primarily located on the right side of the frame, with some extending towards the center.

 **Department of Veterans Affairs APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES FLAG FOR BURIAL PURPOSES**

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (i.e., civil or criminal law enforcement, congressional communications, epidemiological or research studies, the collection of money owed to the United States, litigation in which the United States is a party or has an interest, the administration of VA programs and delivery of VA benefits, verification of identity and status, and personnel administration) as identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22/28, Compensation, Pension, Education, and Veteran Readiness and Employment Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain benefits. Giving us the veteran's SSN account information is voluntary. Refusal to provide the veteran's SSN by itself will not result in the denial of benefits. VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by a Federal Statute of law in effect prior to January 1, 1975, and still in effect. 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.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this project is 2900-0013, and it expires 05/31/2027. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per respondent, per year, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate and any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to VA Reports Clearance Officer at VACOPaperworkReduAct@va.gov. Please refer to OMB Control No. 2900-0013 in any correspondence. Do not send your completed VA Form 27-2008 to this email address.

NOTE - The form is available to download at www.va.gov/vaforms or <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/memorial-items/presidential-memorial-certificates/>.

IMPORTANT - Postmaster or other issuing official: Submit this form by mail to the address shown under "How to Submit".

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DECEASED VETERAN (Complete as much as possible)
(Information provided is considered essential when applying for other VA benefits.)

1. FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST NAME OF VETERAN (Print or type)		2. MAIDEN NAME OR OTHER NAME(S) VETERAN USED WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY (Print or type)	
3. VA FILE NUMBER	4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	5. MILITARY SERVICE NUMBER/SERIAL NUMBER	
6. BRANCH OF SERVICE (Check box) <input type="checkbox"/> ARMY <input type="checkbox"/> NAVY <input type="checkbox"/> AIR FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> SPACE FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> MARINE CORPS <input type="checkbox"/> COAST GUARD <input type="checkbox"/> USPHS <input type="checkbox"/> NOAA <input type="checkbox"/> SELECTED SERVICE (See Section C(3) on page 2): <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See Section C(1) on page 2):		7. DATE ENTERED ACTIVE DUTY (or Selected Reserve) (MM/DD/YYYY)	8. DATE RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY (or Selected Reserve) (MM/DD/YYYY)
9. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	10. DATE OF DEATH (MM/DD/YYYY)	11. DATE OF BURIAL (MM/DD/YYYY)	
12. PLACE OF BURIAL (Name of cemetery, city, and State)			
13. HAS DOCUMENTATION BEEN PRESENTED OR ATTACHED THAT SHOWS THE VETERAN MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA? (See Paragraphs C, D, and E of the "Instructions") <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If "No," explain in Item 15, "Remarks" (See paragraph E of the "Instructions"))			

INFORMATION ABOUT THE FLAG RECIPIENT AND APPLICANT

14A. NAME OF PERSON ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FLAG	14B. RELATIONSHIP OF DECEASED VETERAN (See Paragraph F of the "Instructions")
14C. ADDRESS OF PERSON ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FLAG (Number and street or rural route, P.O. Box, City, State and ZIP Code)	14D. TELEPHONE NUMBER
15. REMARKS	
I CERTIFY that the statements made in this document are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that the deceased veteran is eligible, in accordance with the attached instructions, for issue of a United States flag for burial purposes, and such flag has not been previously applied for or furnished.	
16. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Sign in INK)	17. ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Number and street or rural route, P.O. Box, City, State, ZIP Code)
18. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED VETERAN	19. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)

PENALTY - The law provides that whoever makes any statement of a material fact knowing it to be false shall be punished by a fine, imprisonment, or both.

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

20. SIGNATURE OF PERSON RECEIVING FLAG (Sign in INK)	21. DATE FLAG ISSUED (MM/DD/YYYY)
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HOW TO SUBMIT

MAIL TO

When the burial flag is issued, send the completed VA Form 27-2008 to:
NCA Field Programs Evidence Intake Center
P. O. Box 5237
Janesville, WI 53547

INSTRUCTIONS

A. How can I contact VA if I have questions?

If you have questions about this form, how to fill it out, or about benefits, contact your nearest VA regional office. The local regional office address can be found at www.va.gov/directory or call 1-800-827-1000 (Hearing Impaired TDD relay line is 711). You may also contact VA by Internet at <https://ask.va.gov>.

B. How do I apply for a burial flag?

Complete VA Form 27-2008, and submit it to any VA regional office or U.S. Post Office. When a burial is in a national, State, or military post cemetery, a burial flag will be provided by a funeral home.

NOTE: Applicants residing overseas can apply for burial flags at U.S. embassies and consulates.

C. Who is eligible for a burial flag?

Generally, veterans with an other than dishonorable discharge.

(1) 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 after April 25, 1951, and veterans who served in the Philippine military services are eligible for burial in a national cemetery.

(2) 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.

(3) Members or former members of the Selected 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 Selected Reserve.

D. Who is not eligible for a burial flag?

Veterans who received a dishonorable discharge.

- Members of the Selected Reserve whose last discharge from service was under conditions less favorable than honorable.
- Peacetime veterans who were discharged before June 27, 1950 and did not serve at least one complete enlistment or incur 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 State capital crime and sentenced to death or life imprisonment without parole, or were found to have committed a Federal or State capital crime but were not convicted by reason of not being available for trial due to death or flight to avoid prosecution.
- Discharged or rejected draftees, or members of the National Guard, who reported to camp in answer to the President's call for World War I service but who, when medically examined, were not finally accepted for military service.
- Persons who were discharged from World War I service prior to November 12, 1918, on their own application or solicitation by reason of being an alien, or any veterans discharged for alienage during a period of hostilities.
- Persons who served with any of the forces allied with the United States in any war, even though United States citizens, if they did not serve with the United States armed forces.
- Persons inducted for training and service who, before entering such training and service were transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps and given a furlough.
- Former temporary members of the United States Coast Guard Reserve.

E. What documentation is required in order to receive a burial flag?

Provide a copy of the veteran's discharge documents that shows 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. Ensure these areas are completed as fully as possible.

NOTE: If the claimant is unable to provide documentary proof, a flag may be issued when a statement is made by a person of established character and reputation that he/she personally knows the deceased to have been a veteran who meets the eligibility criteria.

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 the order of precedence listed:

- 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 making a request for it. If there is no living relative or one cannot be located, and no friend requests the flag, it must be returned to the nearest VA facility.

G. Can a burial flag be replaced?

VA cannot replace a burial flag if it is lost, destroyed or stolen. However, some veteran organizations or community groups may be able to help you get another flag.

USE OF THE FLAG

- This flag is issued on behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs to honor the memory of one who has served our country.
- When used to drape the casket, the flag should be placed as follows:
 - Closed Casket** - When the flag is used to drape a closed casket, it should be so placed that the union (blue field) is at the head and over the left shoulder of the deceased.
 - Half Couch (Open)** - When the flag is used to drape a half-couch casket, it should be placed in three layers to cover the closed half of the casket in such a manner that the blue field will be the top fold, next to the open portion of the casket on the deceased's left.
 - Full Couch (Open)** - When the flag is used to drape a full-couch casket, it should be folded in a triangular shape and placed in the center part of the head panel of the casket cap, just above the left shoulder of the deceased.
- During a military commitment ceremony, the flag which was used to drape the casket is held waist high over the grave by the pallbearers and, immediately after the sounding of "Taps," is folded in accordance with the illustration below.
- Folding the flag (see illustration below):
- The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground. When taken from the casket, it should be folded as shown (see illustration).
- The flag should form a distinctive feature of the ceremony of the unveiling of a statue or monument, but it should never be used as a covering for the statue or monument.
- The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stowed in such a manner as will permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.
- The flag should never have placed upon it, nor any part of it, nor attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature.
- The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- The flag, when badly worn, torn, or soiled should no longer be publicly displayed, but privately destroyed by burning in such a manner as to convey no suggestion of disrespect or irreverence.

CORRECT METHOD OF FOLDING THE UNITED STATES FLAG



A)



(A) Straighten out the flag to full length and fold lengthwise once, folding the lower striped section of the flag over the blue field.

B)



(B) Fold the flag lengthwise a second time to meet the open edge, making sure that the union of stars on the blue field remains outward in full view.

C)



(C) A triangular fold is then started by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to the open edge.

D)



(D) The outer point is then turned inward, parallel with the open edge to form a second triangle.

E)



(E) The diagonal or triangular folding is continued toward the blue union until the end is reached, with only the blue showing and the form being that of a cocked (three corner) hat.

Military Honors

- ▶ Rifle Volley and Taps performed by local Veteran Service Organizations
- ▶ Flag fold and presentation by Active Duty Component



Questions?

The background features a complex, abstract geometric design. It consists of several overlapping, semi-transparent shapes in various shades of blue and red. The shapes are primarily triangular and polygonal, creating a layered, dynamic effect. The colors range from light, airy blues to deep, rich reds and dark blues. The overall composition is modern and minimalist, typical of a corporate or academic presentation slide.