



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 MARRIED WIDOWED SEPARATED NEVER MARRIED DIVORCED		7. GENDER MALE FEMALE	8. MILITARY STATUS VETERAN RETIRED	
10. BRANCH OF SERVICE ARMY MARINE CORPS NAVY AIR FORCE COAST GUARD OTHER (specify) _____				11. WAR SERVICE (must be consistent with discharge & federal guidelines) WWII KOREA VIETNAM PERSIAN GULF OTHER (specify) _____		
12. SERVICE NUMBER (if applicable)				13. LAST NAME ON DISCHARGE IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE		
14. PERIODS OF ACTIVE DUTY 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? YES NO		*NOTE* IF THE SPOUSE IS A VETERAN, A SEPARATE APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SUBMITTED				
19. IS THE SPOUSE ALSO A VETERAN? YES 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)				I DESIRE TO BE INTERRED WITH VETERAN OR 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)		

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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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