



Burial Expense Reimbursement

VA burial allowances are partial reimbursements of an eligible veteran's burial and funeral costs. When the cause of death is not service-related, the reimbursements are generally described as two payments: (1) a burial and funeral expense allowance, and (2) a plot interment allowance.

Service-Related Death - VA will pay up to \$2,000 toward burial expenses for deaths on or after September 11, 2001. VA will pay up to \$1,500 for deaths prior to September 10, 2001. If the veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery, some or all of the cost of transporting the deceased may be reimbursed.

Non-service-Related Death - VA will pay up to \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses, and a \$300 plot-interment allowance.

ELIGIBILITY

You may be eligible for a VA burial allowance if:

- you paid for a veteran's burial or funeral and
 - you have not been reimbursed by another government agency or some other source, such as the deceased veteran's employer and
 - the veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.
- In addition, at least one of the following conditions must be met:
- the veteran died because of a service-related disability or
 - the veteran was receiving VA pension or compensation at the time of death or
 - the veteran was entitled to receive VA pension or compensation, but decided not to reduce his/her military retirement or disability pay or
 - the veteran died in a VA hospital, in a nursing home under VA contract, or while in an approved state nursing home.

A local organization which can help with questions you may have in reference to benefits and survivor Benefits is:

National Association for Senior Veterans
1845 Town Center Blvd., Suite 110
Fleming Island, FL 32203
1-800-352-2919 | vetsmatter.org

Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery and Funeral Home will assist you with Burial Expense Reimbursement of a qualifying veteran.

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