



Aloha Funeral Home ~ Crematory

VETERAN'S BENEFITS...

How do I claim them?

Military veterans and their dependents are entitled to a variety of benefits depending on their circumstances. Contact the Veterans Affairs office to determine what benefits can be claimed and then gather the information required.

Before you can file you will need...

- ❖ A copy of DD214 (Enlisted Record of Separation).
- ❖ Certified or original copy of marriage certificate
- ❖ Certified VA copy of Death Certificate.
- ❖ Verification of amount of life insurance you will receive as a result of veteran's death.
- ❖ Paid Receipts for funeral and cemetery expenses.
- ❖ Paid receipts for hospital and doctor bills incurred by last illness, if applicable.
- ❖ Social Security number for yourself and your dependent children.

If the veteran or yourself was previously married...

- ❖ A certified or original copy of divorce decree, or a Death Certificate providing the previous marriage was dissolved by divorce or death.

If there are dependent children...

- ❖ For children under the age of 18, or over 18 still in school, you need certified copies of original birth certificates for each.
- ❖ If over 18 and still in school, you will need VA For 21-674 filled out.

If either of you currently receives Social Security benefits...

- ❖ You will need to know the exact amount received for each of you.

If you already have a VA claim number...

- ❖ You must furnish the VA with the claim number you have been assigned.

If either of you receive additional income...

- ❖ The source and exact amount of the benefit must be reported to the VA.

Burial in a National Cemetery

If space is available a veteran, the spouse of a veteran, minor children and certain unmarried adult children can be buried in a National Cemetery. Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon will provide grave liners to the next of kin at no expense. These liners will be provided under the following conditions:

- ❖ All first interments (unoccupied gravesite)
- ❖ All occupied gravesites where a grave liner or vault was used for the first interment. (NOTE: Grave liners will not be provided for occupied gravesites where a liner or vault was not used for the first interment).

V.A. Plot Allowance

In addition to the burial reimbursement, the National Cemeteries Act of 1973, (Public Law 93-43) authorizes a plot allowance of \$150 if the veteran received or was eligible to receive a monthly pension or compensation and is not buried in a national cemetery.

Other V.A. Benefits

- ❖ The National Cemeteries Act also provides up to \$1100 in lieu of other burial benefits for veterans who die of service-connected disabilities. Additional costs of transportation may be allowed if the veteran died while hospitalized in a VA hospital or institution.
- ❖ A funeral home allowance of \$300 if the veteran received or was eligible to receive a monthly pension or compensation.
- ❖ A headstone or grave marker is also available, as well as a flag.

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