



VETERAN'S BENEFITS

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Beck's Funeral Home will assist you with processing the necessary paperwork connected with death related veterans benefits.

In summary, survivors of any person who was an active or retired member of the military at time of death, or an honorably discharged veteran, could be eligible for a number of benefits including:

- An American flag. (usually draped over the casket or folded)
- Burial in a national cemetery
- A bronze or granite marker
- Presidential Memorial Certificate

A lump sum payment of \$300 is usually available to families of those veterans that were entitled to receive VA compensation or pension at time of death (such as retirees), or veterans who died while a registered patient in a VA hospital or other accredited VA facility. If one of these circumstances apply and a national cemetery is not utilized, up to \$150 could be reimbursed as a plot or interment allowance (requires proof of payment to a non-VA cemetery). Private cemeteries usually assist you by filing this benefit on your behalf. For veterans who die of a service connected disability, the VA could pay an allowance to reimburse funeral costs of \$2000 or less (no additional VA death benefits would be available). Active duty military personnel are usually entitled to a greater amount, which can vary.

If not remarried, the surviving spouse is eligible for burial in the national Cemetery. Dependent children of the veteran are also eligible.

Claims for Veteran's Benefits must be filed within 2 years of death by the veteran's family, a non-family member who can prove that the veteran's funeral services are paid, or the funeral director. Beck's Funeral Home will be pleased to assist you with the application process. We will need copies of the veteran's honorable discharge papers. Other documentation may be required as well.

For VA assistance and information, phone 1-800-827-1000 or visit their website at [United States Department of Veteran Affairs](http://www.va.gov).