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Navigating the bureaucratic maze:

VA BURIAL BENEFITS

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

If the veteran was honorably discharged, they are qualified for the following benefits:

BURIAL ALLOWANCE

Covers burial and funeral costs

- Service-Connected Allowance
  The VA can cover up to $2,000*
- Non-Service-Connected Allowance
  The VA can cover up to $948**

*If the veteran died **on or after September 11, 2001**, the VA can cover up to $2,000. Otherwise, it can cover up to $1,500.

**See below for the accurate breakdown of the benefit costs.

PLOT / INTERMENT ALLOWANCE

Covers the cost of a plot or interment

- Non-Service-Connected Allowance
  The VA can cover up to $948**

** See the chart for the accurate breakdown:

	Plot/Interment Allowance	Burial Allowance
10/1/2023 - Present	$948	$948
1/5/2023 - 10/1/2023	$893	$893
10/1/2022 - 1/5/2023	$893	$300
Fiscal Year 2022	$828	$300
Fiscal Year 2021	$807	$300
Fiscal Year 2020	$796	$300
Fiscal Year 2019	$780	$300
Fiscal Year 2018	$762	$300
Fiscal Year 2017	$749	$300
Fiscal Year 2016	$747	$300
Fiscal Year 2015	$745	$300
Fiscal Year 2014	$734	$300

TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE

Covers the cost of transportation to a final resting place

The VA covers for transportation benefits when a veteran meets ONE of the following requirements:

- Deceased in a VA hospital
- Was receiving disability compensation
- Was receiving military retirement in lieu of disability compensation
- Was receiving a pension

NOTE: For non-service-connected death, you must file a claim within 2 years after the veteran's burial.



WHO CAN CLAIM BENEFITS?

- Veteran's surviving spouse
- Veteran's parents
- Veteran's legal children - regardless of age
- Executor or administrator of the veteran's estate
- Person acting for the deceased veteran's estate
- Survivor in a legal union with a veteran

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

The veteran must have been honorably discharged and ONE of the following circumstances must apply:

- Passed away due to a service-connected disability
- Was hospitalized under VA care
- Was hospitalized under a care with a VA contract
- Was entitled to receive VA disability compensation
- Was entitled to receive a VA pension
- Had a claim pending which would have resulted in entitlement to VA disability compensation

WHAT DO I NEED TO SUBMIT?

You must submit all of the following documents:

- Proof of death
- Verification of the veteran's military service
- Any documents or receipts certifying the requested purchases
- A statement of account
- An itemized receipt for transportation costs

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Online: **http://www.va.gov/burials-and-memorials/application/530/introduction**
- By mail: Fill out the **VA form 21P-530EZ**
- In Person: **County Veteran Services offices**