

Veteran Affairs (VA) Burial Process: Notifying and assisting the next of kin (NOK) with the option to bury the Soldier at a VA National Cemetery

Description

VA offers burial benefits to eligible Soldiers at no cost to the Family. Benefits include: a gravesite at any of their 131 National Cemeteries, opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a Government headstone, a flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate. Soldiers eligible to receive the VA burial benefit include: Soldiers who die while on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training and Soldiers who were discharged from active duty under conditions other than dishonorable.

Regulations and Supporting Resources

[AR 600-8-1, Army Casualty Program](#)

Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center (CMAOC) – Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO) Training Guide

[U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\) Website – Burial and Memorial Benefits](#)

Documents and Forms

DD Form 214, Certification of Release or Discharge From Active Duty

[VA Form 27-2008, Application for United States Flag for Burial Purpose](#)

[VA Form 40-0247, Presidential Memorial Certificate Request Form](#)

[VA Form 40-1330, Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker for Installation in a Private Cemetery or a State Veterans' Cemetery](#)

Related Processes

[Casualty Assistance Process](#)

[Conduct Military Funeral Honors \(MFH\) Process](#)

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