

INFORMATION CHECK LIST: When A Veteran Dies RP

Below is a copy of the form you need to fill out and place in a safe place for your spouse to be able to know where all your information she will need to know is located.

Please it only takes a few moments to fill out and make it easier on your spouse, as she will have enough to worry about when the time comes.

And please tell her if you want a Military Funeral, we need that service at the Funeral Parlor to honor your wishes.

1. Contact your Funeral Director for your choice of Interment.
2. Contact your Clergy, to maker arrangements for service's you desire.
3. Provide the Funeral Director with a copy of the Veterans Discharge, VA Claim number if known, & Veterans Social Security Number.
4. The Funeral Director will apply to the Department of Military Affairs for the amount allowable toward the burial expenses and also the allowable from Social Security for burial.
5. The Funeral Director will apply to the Department of Military Affairs for the American Flag to drape over the casket or urn.
6. If the Veteran is a member of a Veteran Organization, contact the Post Commander to inquire about the post providing Military Services, Firing Squad, or Pall Bearers if needed.
7. If the Veteran had GI Insurance, contact the county Veteran Service Officer for assistance in completing the insurance forms. If the Veteran had Commercial Insurance, contact the agent for that particular company which insured the Veteran.
8. The spouse should contact the Social Security office to file for benefits that maybe available to her or him and for any dependent children.
9. The County Veterans Service Officer will assist the spouse and children in obtaining any benefits to which they maybe entitled, such as: Survivor's Death benefits from the VA, or a Headstone if burial is in a Private Cemetery. Provide the County Veterans Service Officer with the following when applying for Benefits.
 - A. Copy of the Veterans service record (Discharge).
 - B. The Veteran's VA claim number if there is one.
 - C. Social Security number of the Veteran, Spouse and Dependent Children.
 - D. GI Insurance policies, if any
 - E. Have information regarding marriage, birth dates of children, and if any prior marriages existed, the information regarding when, and how dissolved (death/divorce)
 - F. Copy of the Death Certificate of the Veteran.

On the next page is a simple information form to complete and store in a safe place so the spouse or next of kin can find.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE VETERAN TO HAVE ON HAND

Name: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF ENLISTMENT: _____ PLACE: _____

DATE OF DISCHARGE: _____ PLACE: _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____ SERVICE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

DATE OF MARRAGE: _____ PLACE: _____

GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE: _____ POLICY #: _____
(Amount)

VA CLAIM #: _____ SSN#: _____

RECORDS LOCATED: _____

RECEIVED COMPENSATION: _____ PENSION: _____
(Amount) (Amount)

VA OFFICE WHERE VETERAN'S RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED: _____

Additional Information should include any Veterans Organization memberships, such as, AmVets, FRA, VFW, etc. If you belong to a local chapter or branch also list the contact person for that branch or chapter, be it the organization's President, Secretary, Chaplain or other officer. These organizations can provide the family of the deceased with assistance in several areas.

Organization	Contact's Name	Contact's Phone

Fill in the form and place it in a safe place to be readily accessible in case of the Veterans Death or Incapacitation.