

Burial Benefits

VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION

SERVICE-RELATED DEATH

VA will pay up to \$2,000 toward burial expenses for **deaths on or after September 11, 2001**, or up to \$1,500 for deaths prior to September 11, 2001. If the Veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery, some or all of the cost of transporting the deceased may be reimbursed.

NON-SERVICE-RELATED DEATH

VA will pay **up to \$796** toward burial and funeral expenses for deaths on or after **October 1, 2019** (if hospitalized by VA at time of death), or \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses (if not hospitalized by VA at time of death), and a \$796 plot-interment allowance (if not buried in a national cemetery).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- You paid for a Veteran's burial or funeral, **AND**
- You have not been reimbursed by another government agency or some other source, such as the deceased Veteran's employer, **AND**
- The Veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, **AND**
 - The Veteran died because of a service-related disability, **OR**
 - The Veteran was receiving VA pension or compensation at the time of death, **OR**

- **The Veteran was entitled to receive VA pension or compensation, but decided not to reduce his/her military retirement or disability pay, OR**
- **The Veteran died while hospitalized by VA, or while receiving care under VA contract at a non-VA facility, OR**
- **The Veteran died while traveling under proper authorization and at VA expense to or from a specified place for the purpose of examination, treatment, or care, OR**
- **The Veteran had an original or reopened claim pending at the time of death and has been found entitled to compensation or pension from a date prior to the date of death, OR**
- **The Veteran died on or after October 9, 1996, while a patient at a VA-approved state nursing home.**

NOTE: VA does not pay burial benefits if the deceased:

- **Died during active military service, OR**
- **Was a member of Congress who died while holding office, OR**
- **Was a Federal prisoner**

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www.benefits.va.gov/compensation

For more information, please contact your USAG Rheinland-Pfalz Casualty Assistance Program Manager at +49 (0)6111-43541-1021.

