

THINGS TO DO WHEN A VETERAN DIES

- Contact the Funeral Director of your choice to arrange for internment.
- Contact the appropriate person for religious services you desire.
- Bring the Funeral Director a copy of the Veteran's Form DD214, Discharge Papers, VA Claim Number (if known) and Social Security Number.
- The Funeral Director will apply for any burial entitlements from the Department of Veterans affairs toward burial expenses and allowances from Social Security.
- The Funeral Director will provide the American flag to drape the casket.
- If the Veteran is a member of the VFW, the Post Commander should be contacted for Ritual Services and casket bearers, if needed.
- If the Veteran had commercial insurance, contact the company claims agent.
- The surviving spouse should contact the Social Security Office to file for entitlements due them self and family.
- The County Service Officer Ken Brenzel, (973) 285-6866, will assist the family in obtaining any entitlements such as survivor's death benefits from Department of Veterans Affairs and headstone if burial is in a private cemetery. The following should be provided when applying for benefits:
 - Certified copy of Veterans service record (discharge papers).
 - Department of Veterans Affairs Claim Number (if there is one).
 - Social Security Number of deceased, spouse and dependent children.
 - G.I. Insurance policy (if there is one).
 - Certified copies of Marriage license, birth certificates of children and, if appropriate, a prior marriage existed and dissolution of that marriage (divorce or death).
 - Certified copy of death certificate.

Having this information available will ease the stress that accompanies the loss of a loved one and the Veteran's knowledge that there is less of a burden placed on the family.

VETERAN'S DATA RECORD

Full Name _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____
City County State

Spouses Full Name _____

Spouses Birth Date _____ Place of Birth _____
City County State

Present Marriage _____
Date City County State

Location of Marriage Certificate _____

Children's Names _____

Previous Marriages (Names, Dates, Places) _____

Date of Enlistment _____ Place _____

Date of Discharge _____ Place _____

Type of Discharge _____ Recorded at _____
City County State

Branch of Service _____ Social Security # _____ Service # _____

V.A. Claim Number _____ Receiving Compensation \$ _____ Pension Amount \$ _____

Veterans Records Maintained at _____

Personal Records Located at _____
Home - Bank - Lock Box Number

Will Date _____ Located at _____

Government Life Insurance Policy # _____ Amount \$ _____

Commercial Life Insurance Policy # _____ Amount \$ _____

Bank Accounts - Bank _____ Number _____

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Mortgage - Bank or Loan Company _____

Miscellaneous _____

YOU HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO CERTAIN VETERANS BENEFITS. This form will make it easier for your family to file for benefits in case of emergency. Retain a copy of this form in a place readily accessible.