

Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory

Burials, Cemeteries and Headstones

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Please note: If you are working with a funeral home they may assist you in completing the necessary burial flag paperwork to submit to the VA.

Requesting Your DD-214

Whenever a veteran requests benefits and services, a copy of the individual's discharge papers are required to verify eligibility. This includes admission to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Maryland's five cemeteries, VA claims and a myriad of other services provided to veterans and their families. Veterans and their next of kin can request a copy of the service member's DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty from the National Archives. You can request the DD214 online via their website - www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records. Click on the link "Submit your request online". You can also make a request by sending a letter to the address listed below.

The National Archives & Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740

1-866-272-6272 (Toll Free)

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org/find-help/military-families/financial-assistance

1-877-272-7337 (Toll Free)

Under partnership agreements with the Air Force Aid Society, Army Emergency Relief, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, and Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, the American Red Cross provides quality, reliable financial assistance to eligible applicants. Types of assistance include financial assistance for emergency travel, burial of a loved one, assistance to avoid privation, etc.

Arlington National Cemetery

www.arlingtoncemetery.mil

1-877-907-8585 (Toll Free)

Open 7 days a week, 365 days a year. April to September from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and October to March from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Parking garage closes 1 hour cemetery. **Scheduling A Funeral Service:** Upon the death of the veteran or veteran's spouse, the surviving spouse or personal representative should contact a local funeral home to arrange for any desired services in the hometown. The surviving spouse, personal representative, or the funeral director should telephone the Arlington National Cemetery's Customer Service Call Center at (877) 907-8585 to arrange for the interment/inurnment service. An individual case number will be assigned and a cemetery representative will call the point of contact to establish eligibility. Before scheduling the service, the cemetery staff will need to determine the eligibility of the deceased in accordance with Arlington National Cemetery interment eligibility criteria. Upon verification of eligibility, the cemetery staff will reserve the necessary ceremonial resources and schedule the interment. **ANC Explorer** is an application that you can download on a smart phone or use through a web browser to look up events, locate gravesites or other points of interest throughout the cemetery, generate front-and-back pictures of a marker or monument, and receive directions to these locations.

Burial Benefits – U.S. Department of Veterans

www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits

The VA does not make funeral arrangements or perform cremations. Families should make these arrangements with a funeral provider or cremation office. Any item or service obtained from a funeral home or cremation office will be at the families' expense. Burial benefits available include a gravesite in any of the VA's 131 national cemeteries with available space, opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a Government headstone or marker, a burial flag, and

a Presidential Memorial Certificate, at no cost to the family. Some Veterans may also be eligible for Burial Allowances. Cremated remains are buried or inurned in national cemeteries in the same manner and with the same honors as casketed remains. Burial benefits available for spouses and dependents buried in a national cemetery include burial with the Veteran, perpetual care, and the spouse or dependents name and date of birth and death will be inscribed on the Veteran's headstone, at no cost to the family. Eligible spouses and dependents may be buried, even if they predecease the Veteran. Gravesites in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national cemeteries cannot be reserved in advance. You should advise your family of your wishes and where your discharge papers are kept. These papers are very important in establishing your eligibility. You may wish to make pre-need arrangements with a funeral home. At the time of need your family would contact a funeral home who will assist them with making burial arrangements at the national cemetery. **To schedule a burial:** Fax all discharge documentation to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-866-900-6417 and follow-up with a phone call to 1-800-535-1117.

Burial and Plot-Interment Allowances

VA burial allowances are partial reimbursements of an eligible Veteran's burial and funeral costs. When the cause of death is not service related, the reimbursements are generally described as two payments: (1) a burial and funeral expense allowance, and (2) a plot or interment allowance. View [fact sheet](#) for allowance payments.

Burial Flags

www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits/burial_flags.asp

A United States flag is provided, at no cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased Veteran who served honorably in the U. S. Armed Forces. It is furnished to honor the memory of a Veteran's military service to his or her country. VA will furnish a burial flag for memorialization for each other than dishonorable discharged - Veteran who served during wartime; Veteran who died on active duty after May 27, 1941; Veteran who served after January 31, 1955; peacetime Veteran who was discharged or released before June 27, 1950; certain persons who served in the organized military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines while in service of the U.S. Armed Forces and who died on or after April 25, 1951; certain former members of the Selected Reserves. Generally, the flag is given to the next-of-kin, as a keepsake, after its use during the funeral service. When there is no next-of-kin, VA will furnish the flag to a friend making request for it.

Headstones, Markers and Medallions

www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/order_instructions.asp

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) furnishes upon request, at no charge to the applicant, a Government headstone or marker for the unmarked grave of any deceased eligible Veteran in any cemetery around the world, regardless of their date of death. For eligible veterans that died on or after Nov. 1, 1990 and whose grave is marked with a privately purchased headstone, VA may also furnish a headstone or marker to supplement the graves or a Medallion to be affixed to the privately purchased headstone. Flat markers in granite, marble, and bronze and upright headstones in granite and marble are available. Bronze niche markers are also available to mark columbaria used for inurnment of cremated remains. The style chosen must be permitted by the officials in charge of the private cemetery where it will be placed. When burial or memorialization is in a national cemetery, state veterans' cemetery, or military post/base cemetery, a headstone or marker will be ordered by the cemetery officials based on inscription information provided by the next of kin or authorized representative. Spouses and dependents are not eligible for a Government-furnished headstone or marker unless they are buried in a national cemetery, state veteran's cemetery, or military post/base cemetery.

Presidential Memorial Certificates

www.cem.va.gov/pmc.asp

A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is an engraved paper certificate, signed by the current President, to honor the memory of honorably discharged deceased Veterans. Eligible recipients include the next of kin and loved ones of honorably discharged deceased Veterans. More than one certificate may be provided.

Casualty Assistance Program – U.S. Department of Defense

Provides assistance for families of ill, injured, or deceased service members in a broad range of areas, including: transportation; explaining and assisting in applying for and receiving benefits and entitlements; obtaining copies of records, reports, and investigations; legal matters (including tax issues); receipt of personal effects; burial expenses; injury, mortuary, and funeral honors assistance; relocation assistance (including shipment of household goods); liaison with other federal agencies; and emotional and spiritual support. Casualty assistance is available to the person most closely related to the deceased service member, the primary next of kin.

Army Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operation Center

Fort Myer Casualty Assistance Center
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall
204 Lee Avenue, Suite B12
Joint Base Myer-Henderson, VA 22111
E-mail: usarmy.jbmhh.asa.mbx.hrd-casualty-assistance@mail.mil
www.hrc.army.mil/tagd/cmaoc

1-800-626-3317 (Toll Free)
703-696-6362 (Casualty Benefits Coordinator)
703-696-6363 (Mortuary Affairs Coordinator)
703-696-6364 (Memorial Affairs Coordinator)

Fort Myer Casualty Assistance Center manages Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties.

Navy Casualty Assistance

5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055

1-800-368-3202 (Toll Free)
1-866-787-0081 (Mortuary Services)

Marine Corps Casualty Assistance Program

2008 Elliott Road
Quantico, VA 22134
www.mcieast.marines.mil/StaffOffices/Adjutant/CasualtyAssistanceProgram.aspx

703-784-9512 (V)
1-800-847-1597 (Toll Free)

Air Force Casualty Services

1-800-433-0048 (Toll Free)
1-877-353-6807 (Casualty Assistance Representative Locator)

Coast Guard

E-mail: PPC-dg-ras@uscg.mil
www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/sbp.asp

1-800-772-8724 (Toll Free)

Military Funeral Honors – U.S. Department of Defense

www.dmdc.osd.mil/mfh

Responsible for providing military funeral honors. "Honoring Those Who Served" is the title of the Department of Defense program for providing dignified military funerals to veterans who have defended our nation. The core elements of the funeral honors ceremony which will be conducted are flag folding, flag presentation, and playing of Taps. To arrange military funeral honors, contact your local funeral home.

Veterans Cemetery Programs – Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs

Christopher T. Piscitelli, Director
1122 Sunrise Beach Road
Crownsville, MD 21032
<http://veterans.maryland.gov/maryland-department-of-veterans-affairs-cemetery-program>

410-923-6981 (V)

Offer Maryland veterans, and their eligible dependents, a final resting place at one of five state veterans' cemeteries located throughout Maryland. A pre-interment program is available through which veterans may indicate their desire to be buried in one of the state's cemeteries and verify their eligibility for such burial on a pre-need basis. The following facilities provide interment services during the normal business week (Monday through Friday) and are open to the public 365

days of the year.

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery – Prince George’s County

11301 Crain Highway 301-372-6398 (V)
Cheltenham, MD 20623

Crownsville Veterans Cemetery – Anne Arundel County

1122 Sunrise Beach Road 410-987-6320 (V)
Crownsville, MD 21032

Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery – Dorchester County

6827 East New Market Ellwood Road 410-943-3420 (V)
Hurlock, MD 21643

Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery – Baltimore County

11501 Garrison Forest Road 410-363-6090 (V)
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery – Allegany County

14205 Pleasant Valley Road, NE 301-777-2185 (V)
Flintstone, MD 21530