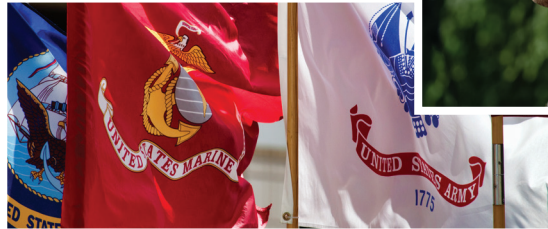




THE Martenson
FAMILY OF FUNERAL HOMES, INC.



VETERANS



FEDERAL BURIAL
AND
MEMORIAL BENEFITS



HOW WE HELP

At The Martenson Family of Funeral Homes, we wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to our area Veterans. We understand and acknowledge the sacrifices they have made. It is our privilege to assist them in arranging the honorable and fitting tribute they deserve.

Whether it is securing a flag, affecting military honors, or arranging for the complete complement of benefits at a national cemetery. The Martenson Family of Funeral Homes has offered their assistance to veterans and their families with their needs and wishes for many years. We take pride in our service and look forward to extending it to you.

The Martenson Family of Funeral Homes works in conjunction with the Veteran's Administration, the U.S. Government and The National Cemetery Administration. We are here to answer any questions or concerns that you might have.

You can determine your eligibility for benefits and secure your plan ahead of time. For more information on how to pre-plan, please contact us:



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3200 West Rd,
Trenton, MI 48183
(734) 671-5400

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10915 Allen Rd,
Allen Park, MI 48101
(313) 386-6600

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203 E. Elm Ave,
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Website Resources:

US Department of Veterans Affairs: www.va.gov

VA Benefits: www.benefits.va.gov/benefits

FEDERAL BURIAL AND MEMORIAL BENEFITS FOR ELIGIBLE VETERANS

The United States recognizes the contributions of Veterans and extends to an Honorably Discharged Veteran a valuable debt of gratitude in the form of free burial benefits at a national cemetery. We have two National Cemetery offerings here in Michigan that are accepting prearranged and at-need families.

Established in 1981, Fort Custer National Cemetery is the first national cemetery established in Michigan. Fort Custer was named after General George Armstrong Custer, a native of the state of Michigan. Located midway between Chicago and Detroit, in Augusta, Michigan, the VA chose this beautiful historic site for its first National Cemetery in Michigan.

Established in 2005, Great Lakes National Cemetery is the second national cemetery built in Michigan. Amidst rolling hills and a picturesque lake setting, it is located just 45 miles northwest of Metro Detroit in Holly, Michigan.

We have reserved these hallowed grounds as a tribute to those who have honorably and dutifully served our country. The free burial benefits do much to defray costs at the time of death.



Great Lakes National Cemetery
4200 Belford Road
Holly, Michigan 48442
248-328-0386



Fort Custer National Cemetery
15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, Michigan 49012
269-731-4164



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Armed Forces

All members of the Armed Forces and Veterans who met minimum active duty service requirements and were discharged in conditions other than dishonorable may be buried in a national cemetery.

Reserve Members

Reserve members of the Armed Forces who die while on training duty, active duty, or were eligible for retirement pay or were called to active duty and served the full term of service for which they were called, may also be eligible for burial.

Next of Kin

Spouses, minor children, and, in certain situations, unmarried adult children with disabilities, may also be eligible for burial.



BENEFITS BRAVELY EARNED

Burial Headstones and Markers

Upon request, the VA will furnish an inscribed headstone or marker for the unmarked grave of an eligible veteran or family member at any national, state Veterans, tribal, or private cemetery. The VA will deliver a marker or headstone, at no cost, to any location in the world.

Secondary Markers for Medal of Honor Recipients

For Medal of Honor (MOH) recipients, the VA will provide a secondary marker or headstone.

Family Members

Spouses and dependent children are eligible for a government marker or headstone only if they are buried in a national or state Veterans cemetery.

Memorial Markers

VA provides memorial headstones and markers for placement in a national cemetery, a Veterans cemetery owned by a state, tribal, local or private cemetery with “IN MEMORY OF” as the first line of inscription for those whose remains are unavailable for burial.

Medallion in lieu of government headstone or marker for private cemeteries

For eligible decedents who served in the U.S. Armed Forces on or after April 6, 1917, and are eligible for VA memorialization benefits (or would have been but for date of death), VA is authorized to provide a medallion instead of a marker or headstone if the grave is in a private cemetery and already marked with a privately-purchased headstone or marker.

Presidential Memorial Certificates (PMCs):

PMCs are issued to honor the memory of deceased persons whom the VA finds eligible for burial in a national cemetery.

Burial Flags

The VA will furnish a U.S. burial flag to recognize eligible deceased Veterans.



Reimbursement of Burial Expenses

The VA will cover up to \$2,000 if the Veteran's death is service-connected. In these cases, the person who covered the Veteran's burial expenses can claim reimbursement from VA. Depending on the situation, the VA may pay the cost of transporting the remains of a Veteran whose death was service-related to the nearest national cemetery with available gravesites. There is no time limit for filing reimbursement claims in service-connected death cases.

Burial Allowance

The VA will pay a funeral and burial allowance from \$300 to \$2000, depending on whether the death was service-related and other factors.

Plot Allowance

VA will pay a plot allowance of up to \$762 when a Veteran is buried in a cemetery not under U.S. government jurisdiction if:

- The Veteran was discharged from active duty because of disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty;
- the Veteran was receiving compensation or pension or would have been if the Veteran was not receiving military retirement pay;
- or the Veteran died in a VA facility.

The plot allowance may be paid to the state for a cost of a plot or interment in a state-owned cemetery solely reserved for Veteran burials if the Veteran is buried without charge. Burial expenses paid by the deceased's employer or a state agency will not be reimbursed.

Veterans Cemeteries Administered by Other Agencies:

The Department of the Army administers Arlington National Cemetery and other Army installation cemeteries. Eligibility for burial at an Army administered installation cemetery is generally more restrictive than at VA national cemeteries.

Valuable Benefits

The cost savings of Veterans burial benefits represent hundreds to thousands of dollars toward burial and memorial expenses. Plus, they extend special honors to our deserving veterans and their families. For information on how this can all be planned in advance, please contact us at (586) 293-3390.



ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Establishing Eligibility

Arlington National Cemetery’s eligibility requirements for burial and inurnment are different from other national cemeteries that are maintained by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Eligibility for in-ground burial at Arlington National Cemetery is the most stringent of all U.S. national cemeteries. However, most veterans who have at least one day of active service (other than for training) and an honorable discharge are eligible for above-ground inurnment. Eligibility is determined at the time of need.

| SERVICE MEMBER WITH HONORABLE DISCHARGE | ELIGIBILITY* | |
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| | Inurnment in Columbarium Court or Niche Wall | In-Ground Burial (Casket) |
| Dies on Title 10 federal active duty (other than for training) | Yes | Yes |
| Dies on active duty for training only under Title 10 | Yes | No |
| Veteran – retired from active duty and receiving retirement pay | Yes | Yes |
| Veteran – at least one day of active duty other than for training | Yes | No |
| Veteran – received Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross (Air Force or Navy), Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star or Purple Heart | Yes | Yes |
| Any member of a Reserve component of the Armed Forces, and any member of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard, whose death occurs under honorable conditions while on active duty for training or performing full-time service | Yes | No |
| Any former prisoner of war who, while a prisoner of war, served honorably in the active military, naval or air service; whose last period of service terminated honorably; and who died on or after Nov. 30, 1993 | Yes | Yes |

**Reflects current eligibility criteria in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations,
Title 32, Part 553, Sections 12 and 13.*