

# Quick Reference for Veterans Benefits

## Did the Veteran die or will the Veteran die at a VA Hospital?

1. Gets \$978 burial or cremation allowance. (If veteran died on or after 10/1/24)
2. Gets \$978 plot allowance if they don't use a National Cemetery & they have a receipt.
3. Gets transportation from VA hospital
4. Gets transportation to place of burial
5. Use of National Cemetery is permitted for Veteran & spouse

## Did the Veteran die outside a VA Hospital?

### **Did the Veteran receive a monthly VA service-connected disability pension?**

1. Gets \$978 burial or cremation allowance. (If veteran died on or after 10/1/24)
2. Gets \$978 plot allowance if they don't use a National Cemetery & they have a receipt.
3. If they are service connected, transportation will be paid only if buried in a National Cemetery.
4. Use of National Cemetery is permitted for Veteran & eligible spouse

### Did the Veteran receive a 100% service-connected disability pension?

1. Must have died from service connection! If so, up to \$2,000 is reimbursed to family on funeral/cremation costs.
2. Use of National Cemetery is permitted for Veteran & eligible spouse

## Burial in National Cemetery

All honorably discharged veterans are entitled to free grave space for the Veteran, eligible spouse, minor children up to 21-years-old and adult dependent children. Conditions to be met:

- Honorably discharged or under honorable conditions veteran serving any length of time before 9/7/80.
- Veterans entering service after this time must serve 24 months of continuous active duty or for the full time for which the person was called to active duty.

**Source:** <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial-allowance/>

