

YOUR GUIDE TO COMPLETING VA'S PRE-NEED BURIAL ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION

Veterans and spouses who want to be buried in a VA national cemetery can apply to find out in advance if they are eligible. This is called a pre-need determination of eligibility—and it can help make the burial planning process easier for your family at time of need.

Follow this guide to help you complete the pre-need burial eligibility application.

How to prepare before starting your application

Gather the information you'll need to apply:

- » Your personal information, including Social Security number and date of birth
- » Your military history or the military history of the Veteran

Gather supporting documents

To help process your application faster, you can provide a copy of your DD214 or other separation documents (or the DD214 of the Veteran). If you don't provide a DD214, VA will try to find the records needed to determine eligibility.



Benefits for Veterans at a VA national cemetery:



Burial site and burial of a casket or urn, perpetual care



Government headstone or marker



United States burial flag



Presidential Memorial Certificates

Visit NCA's [Find a Cemetery](#) page to explore VA national cemetery locations.

How to apply

You can apply for pre-need burial eligibility online, by mail, or by fax.



Option 1: Online

[Apply for pre-need eligibility online today.](#)



Option 2: By Mail or Fax

Download and fill out an [Application for Pre-need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery \(VA Form 40-10007\)](#).

Mail the application and copies of any supporting documents to this address:

NCA Evidence Intake Center
PO Box 5237
Janesville, WI 53547

Or fax the application and copies of any supporting documents to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 855-840-8299.

Need help filling out your application?

Reach out to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office:

- » **Phone:** 800-535-1117 (TTY: 711) and select 4
- » **Office Hours:** Open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. ET to 5:30 p.m. ET

What happens after I apply?

Your application will be reviewed by the National Cemetery Scheduling Office.

If it is determined that you are eligible, you will receive a pre-need decision letter notifying you of your eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery.

If it is determined that you are not eligible, you will receive a decision letter explaining why you are not eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery. You will also receive a document that explains your options for [requesting a decision review](#) if you disagree with the decision.



Need to schedule a burial at a VA national cemetery?

If a Veteran or their spouse has passed away, the family does not need to complete a pre-need burial eligibility application. Instead, contact a local funeral home or the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117 to schedule the burial.



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