

Things to do When a Veteran Dies

- Contact the Funeral Director of your choice to arrange for interment. If the burial is at DFW National Cemetery, request a Military Funeral and Honor Guard from the National Cemetery, or your local American Legion Post.
- Contact the Pastor of your church to arrange for the services you desire.
- Bring to the Funeral Director, a copy of the Veteran's discharge, separation notice, or DD-214. VA Claim Number, if known, and Veteran's social security number.
- The Funeral Director will apply for any burial entitlements from the Department of Veterans Affairs toward burial expenses and also the allowance from Social Security for burial.
- The Funeral Director will apply for the flag to drape the casket.
- If the Veteran is a member of the American Legion, the Post Commander should be contacted for the Ritual Service, firing squad, if any, and casket bearers, if needed.
- If the Veteran had G.I. Insurance, contact the Tarrant County Veterans Service Officer at 817-531-5645 for assistance in completing the forms. If it is commercial insurance, contact an agent of the company that insured the Veteran.
- Spouse should contact Social Security Office to file for benefits that may be available for self and for children.
- The County Veterans Service Officer will assist the spouse and children in obtaining any benefits to which they may be entitled such as, survivor's death benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and headstone if burial is in a private cemetery. Bring to the County Veterans Service Officer the following information when applying for benefits:
 1. Certified copy of the deceased Veterans service record (discharge) DD-214.
 2. The Department of Veterans Affairs Claim Number if there is one.
 3. Social Security numbers of the deceased Veteran, spouse and dependent children.
 4. G.I. Insurance policies, if any.
 5. Certified copies of marriage, birth certificates of children and, if any, prior marriages existed, the information regarding when, where, and how dissolved (death or divorce).
 6. Certified copy of death certificate of Veteran.
 7. A memorial service is available if requested and scheduled by next of kin at the Post.

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 _____ Bank Accounts - Bank _____

_____ Number _____ 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.