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**WHAT YOU *MUST* KNOW:**  
**BURIAL AT**  
**ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY**  
***AND***  
**VA NATIONAL CEMETERIES**



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# VA National Cemeteries





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## Burial Benefits

Includes a gravesite, opening and closing the grave, perpetual care, government headstone or marker, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, all at **no cost to the family**.



## Burial Flag

A United States flag is provided, **at no cost**, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased Veteran.







# VA National Cemeteries

Find VA  
Cemeteries near  
you at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

The VA maintains  
136 national  
cemeteries in 40  
states

*Verify that your  
preferred VA  
National Cemetery  
is open to new  
interments*

## Find VA Locations

Find VA locations near you with our facility locator tool. You can search for your nearest VA medical center as well as other health facilities, benefit offices, cemeteries, community care providers and Vet Centers. You can also filter your results by service type to find locations that offer the specific service you're looking for.

**Need same-day care for a minor illness or injury?** Search for your nearest VA health facility. Or find [VA-approved urgent care locations and pharmacies](#) near you.

Search city, state, or postal code

Virginia

Search for

Cemetery

Service type (optional)

Search

4 results for Cemetery near "Virginia, United States"

### Quantico National Cemetery

**Facility type:** National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd (Route 619)  
Triangle, VA 22172

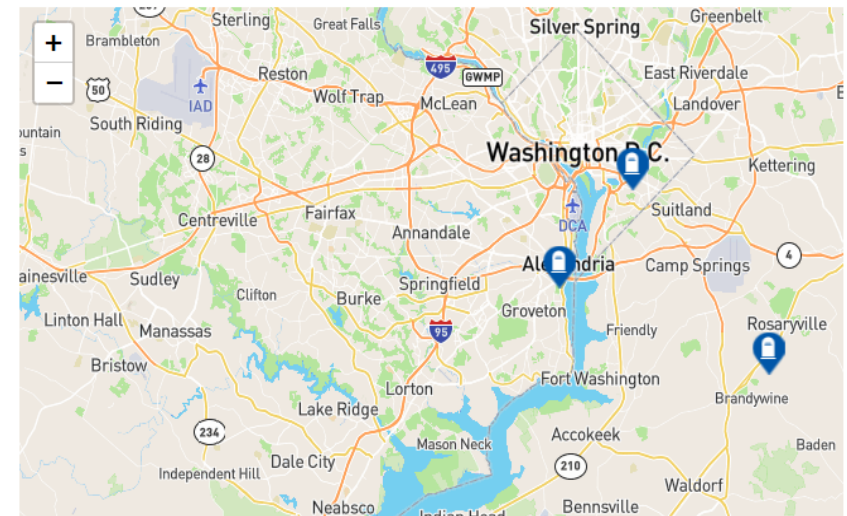
**Distance:** 10.8 miles

**Main Number:**  
703-221-2183

**Directions**

### Alexandria National Cemetery

Can't find what you're looking for? [Try using our other tools to search.](#)







# Pre-Need Burial Eligibility

The Veteran's Administration offers a pre-need determination to **confirm eligibility** for burial in a VA National Cemetery **prior** to the veteran's death.

- ✓ *Submit* **VA Form 40-10007** *with* **DD Form 214**
- ✓ Spouses submit copy of **marriage certificate**

**Fax:** 1-855-840-8299

**Mail:** National Cemetery Scheduling Office  
P.O. Box 510543  
St. Louis, MO 63151



# Pre-Need Burial Eligibility Application

Department of Veterans Affairs		APPLICATION FOR PRE-NEED DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL IN A VA NATIONAL CEMETERY	
<b>NOTE:</b> Please read information on reverse before completing this form. If additional space is required, attach a separate sheet of paper.		<b>Submit Application and Supporting Documentation to VA by:</b> Email: to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at: <a href="mailto:eligibility.preneed@va.gov">eligibility.preneed@va.gov</a> ; or Mail: to National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151; or Fax: to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at (855) 840-8299	
<b>IMPORTANT:</b> Pre-Need means before death. Only complete this form if you are applying for a Pre-Need determination of eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery. <u>Time of Need</u> means time of death. DO NOT complete this form if the individual is already deceased; instead, contact a local funeral home or the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117 to expedite processing.			
<b>*REQUIRED ITEMS: YOU MUST COMPLETE THOSE ITEMS IDENTIFIED WITH AN ASTERISK (*)</b>			
<b>SECTION I - VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER</b> (Claims for eligibility for burial are based upon the Veterans/Servicemember's military service)			
*1. VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER NAME (Include Suffix) (Last, First, Middle Name or Initial)		*2. NAME USED DURING MILITARY SERVICE (Include Suffix) (If different than Item 1) (Last, First, Middle Name)	
3. MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, State, and Zip Code, P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc.)			
*4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	5. MILITARY SERVICE NUMBER (If different from SSN)	6. VA CLAIM NUMBER (If known)	*7. GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
8. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	9. PLACE OF BIRTH (City, State or Territory)	*10. IS VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER DECEASED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW	11. DATE OF DEATH (If applicable) (MM/DD/YYYY)
*12. MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED		*13. MILITARY STATUS USED TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> A. VETERAN <input type="checkbox"/> B. RETIRED ACTIVE DUTY <input type="checkbox"/> C. DIED ON ACTIVE DUTY <input type="checkbox"/> D. RETIRED RESERVE <input type="checkbox"/> E. RETIRED NATIONAL GUARD <input type="checkbox"/> F. DEATH RELATED TO INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING <input type="checkbox"/> G. OTHER (See instructions)	
<b>MILITARY SERVICE DATA</b>			
*14. BRANCH OF SERVICE	15. DATE OF ENTRY	16. DATE OF DISCHARGE	17. DISCHARGE - CHARACTER OF SERVICE (See instructions)
18. HIGHEST RANK ATTAINED (No pay grades)	19. STATE (Abbrev.) (National Guard Service Only)		
20. IS THERE ANYONE CURRENTLY BURIED IN A VA NATIONAL CEMETERY UNDER THIS VETERAN'S/SERVICEMEMBER'S ELIGIBILITY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES (Complete Item 21) <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Skip Item 21) <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW (Skip Item 21)		21. NAME OF DECEDENT(S) AND VA NATIONAL CEMETERY WHERE BURIED	
22. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (See instructions for information on recommended documentation.)			
<b>SECTION II - CLAIMANT INFORMATION</b> (Information about the individual for whom determination for eligibility for burial in a VA National Cemetery is requested)			
*23. CLAIMANT (See instructions) (***Each Claimant requires a separate VA Form 40-10007) (Name) Last First Middle		*24. CLAIMANT'S MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, State, and Zip Code, P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc.) (If different from item 3)	
25. CLAIMANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)			

Available at: <https://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-10007.pdf>



# Pre-Need Burial Eligibility

## Important to Note:

- This program is *no longer* accepting applications by email.
- Due to the large number of applications received, there is currently a delay with the VA processing and approving Pre-Need Eligibility Forms.
- A favorable Pre-Need determination does ***not*** guarantee burial in a *specific* national cemetery. This is dependent on whether space is available at the time of need.
- This program does NOT include **Arlington National Cemetery**. The Department of the Army has jurisdiction over Arlington.



# VA National Cemetery Preparations

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- Establish *in writing* your Primary Next of Kin or Person Authorized to Direct Disposition
- Keep the VA's decision letter on your burial eligibility in a *safe place*
- Required Documents
  - Copy DD214 #4 showing “**honorable**” discharge
  - Copy Marriage Certificate for spouse



DD FORM 214, AUG 2009

PREVIOUS EDITION IS OBSOLETE

MEMBER - 4

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|--|-----------------------|
| SPECIAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (For use by authorized agencies only) |                       |
| 24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Includes upgrades)                         |                       |
| HONORABLE  |                       |
| 26. SEPARATION CODE  | 27. REENLISTMENT CODE |
| RED  | NA                    |
| 30. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4   |                       |
|  | INITIALS              |
| MEMBER - 4   |                       |



# VA State Cemeteries

- Many states have established state veterans cemeteries
- Use Pre-Need Eligibility Determination application **VA Form 40-10007**
- Eligibility is similar to VA national cemeteries, but may include residency requirements
- Contact the specific cemetery for information



*Albert G. Horton Jr.  
Memorial Veterans  
Cemetery in Suffolk, Virginia*





# Arlington National Cemetery





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- Establish in writing your Primary Next of Kin or Person Authorized to Direct Disposition
- Required Documents
  - DD214 #4 showing “honorable” discharge
  - Death certificate or cremation certificate
- Takes longer to schedule burial with:
  - Military Funeral Honors with escort
  - Chapel Requests





# Arlington National Cemetery

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## Frequently Asked Questions:

- Arlington National Cemetery will not guarantee a location request for a burial plot
- Arlington no longer allows personally purchased markers. All new burials are marked with the standard government marker provided by the National Cemetery Administration
- Arlington offers one plot per family. In the case of a dual military couple there is one plot. More than two people can often be accommodated in one burial plot depending on the nature of the remains.



# ANC Burial Promises No Longer Valid



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Interment Services Branch

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22211-5003

May 16, 1988



[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Fort Lesley J. McNair  
Washington, D.C. 20319

Dear General [REDACTED]

The records of this office have been annotated to reflect your desire for future interment in Grave Number [REDACTED], Section [REDACTED]. Your wife will also be eligible for future interment in this same gravesite.

Enclosed for your convenience is a cemetery map on which the approximate location of this gravesite is indicated. I suggest that this letter be filed with your other important personal papers so that the above information will be available when needed.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Superintendent



# Keep up with Arlington National Cemetery News

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- Website
  - <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Media/Public-Affairs-Office>
- Facebook
  - <https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonNatl/>
- Twitter
  - <https://twitter.com/ArlingtonNatl>
- YouTube
  - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdviiwqQHHUePZgIBHXFvPw>



# Important Documents

- DD 214 #4 (shows Honorable discharge)
- Legal Documents
  - Will or Trust
  - Appointment of Agent to Control Disposition of Remains
- Marriage Certificate
- Military Retired Pay Statement
- VA award letter(s)
- Life Insurance Policies







# Life Insurance Policies

Ensure all beneficiary information is current with the company, this includes name changes (marriage, divorce) and contact information





# Critical Communication

Does your family know what to do?

- ✓ Location of your important documents
- ✓ Letter of Instruction
  - Funeral arrangements & funding
  - Organ Donor
- ✓ Military benefits and entitlements
  - VA Burial Benefits

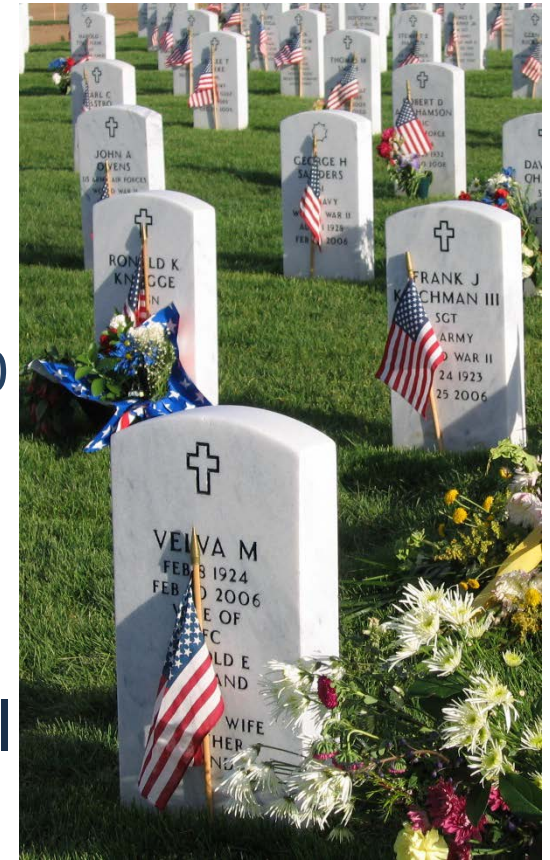
AAFMAA Members with an active policy call  
800-522-5221 for *Survivor Assistance Services*





# VA Burial Reimbursements

- Non Service connected death:
  - Burial Costs Reimbursed by VA up to \$300
- Service-connected death:
  - Burial Costs Reimbursed by VA up to \$2,000
  - Cause of death on death certificate is critical for establishing service connection
- No VA Disability Rating = No VA Burial Reimbursement





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